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Chief of Stock Exchange quits in computer fiasco

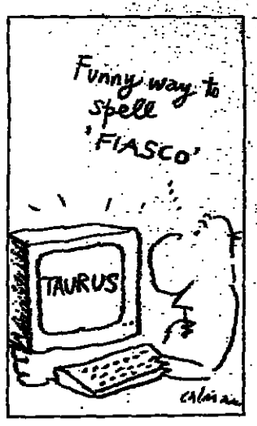
■ The reputation of the City of London suffered a severe blow as Taurus, the much-vaunted computerised share settlement system was scrapped

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT, FINANCIAL EDITOR

THE chief executive of the London Stock Exchange resigned yesterday after his £75 million programme to computerise the settlement of share deals was halted. The collapse of the Taurus project, with the loss of at least 450 jobs, was described as a disaster for the City.

Taurus was intended to cut dealing costs and do away with traditional share certificates, but practical tests earlier this year uncovered fundamental faults in the system. A Stock Exchange review concluded that it would almost double the cost to redesign the software, and work was stopped yesterday. The four years of work already done is almost certain to be scrapped.

A working party representing City interests has been hurriedly assembled under Pen Kent, the Bank of England's associate director responsible for City and industrial affairs, and it aims to report to the Governor by the end of June on what to do to stop London falling behind rival financial centres.



Sir Andrew Hugh Smith, the Stock Exchange chairman, said that Peter Rawlins, as chief executive, had the main responsibility for Taurus and had decided to step down. Sir Andrew also informally offered his resignation, but was given a vote of confidence by his board.

The Stock Exchange had 220 staff and 130 individual contractors working on Taurus, almost all of whom are likely to lose their jobs. Stockbrokers, banks, investment houses, pension funds and insurance companies also had staff working on the project and all had adapted their systems to link with the Taurus network. Many have spent heavily on software and the Exchange is braced for a flood of claims for its failure to deliver the system.

The main beneficiary of the failure will be the Exchequer. John Major had agreed when Chancellor to drop the 0.5 per cent stamp duty on share deals when the system started working to help London compete as an international financial centre. The government will now be able to continue levying a tax estimated to be worth between £750 million and £1 billion a year.

Sir Andrew agreed yesterday that the failure was a blow to the Exchange's international ambitions, but said that its existing systems were working efficiently and cheaply. But Ian Hay Davidson, the chairman of Storehouse and a former chief executive of Lloyd's of London, described the collapse as a disaster.

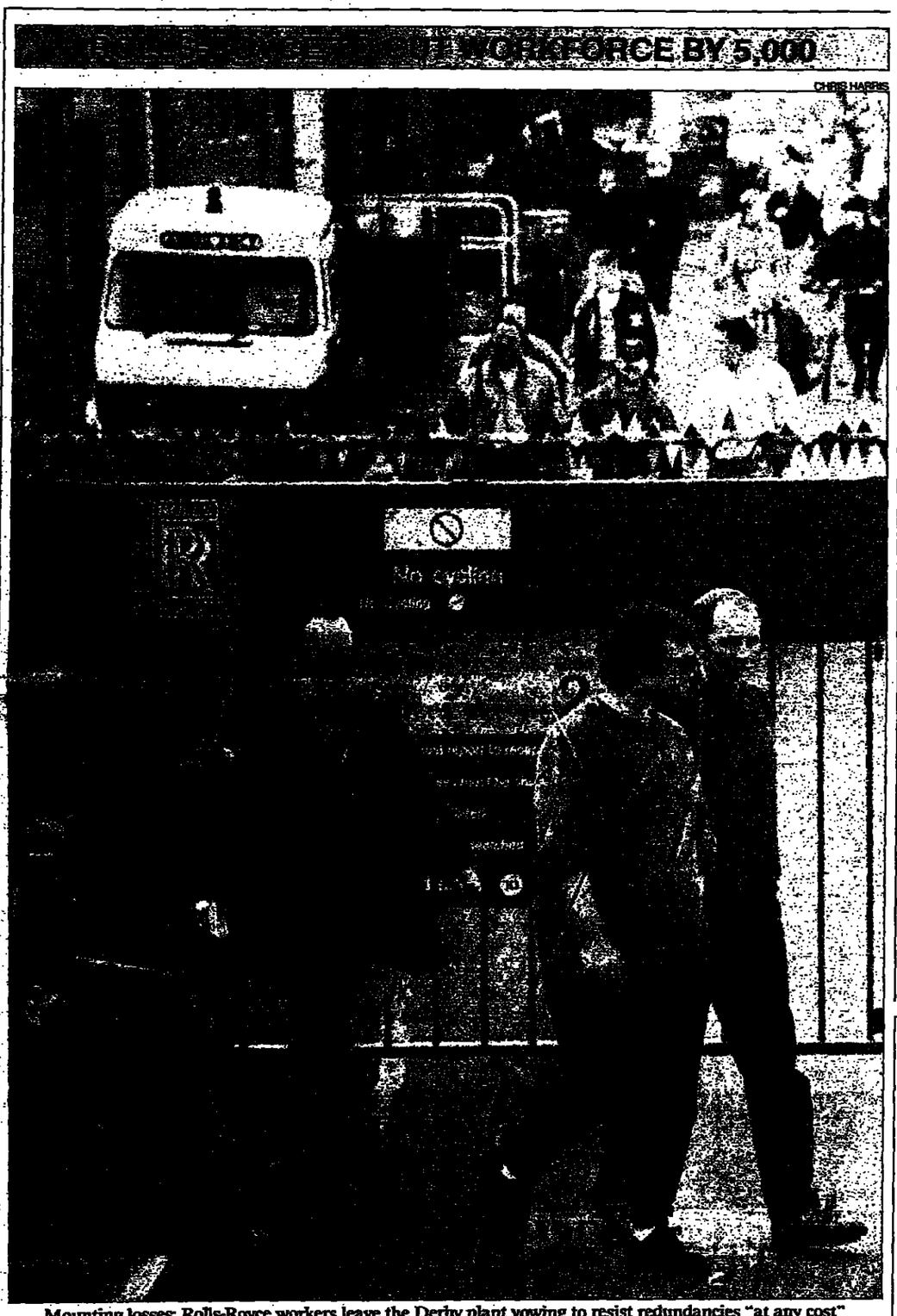
Taurus, first mooted in 1981, was a victim of its own success: changes in specification which made it ever more complex and expensive. It had originally been expected to start working at the end of 1990, but a succession of delays had already put off the starting time until next year.

Fundamental deficiencies were discovered after Christmas when Andersen Consulting, which had won a contract to operate the system, conducted practical tests and pronounced it inoperable in its present form. Stock Exchange testing also uncovered problems and the review was commissioned.

That concluded that there was so much wrong that the cost would at least double if the software were redesigned. Even then, it was unlikely to be ready before 1996. Mr Rawlins and Sir Andrew felt that London needed an electronic system much earlier and that share dealing would be too expensive.

The Bank of England working party is now likely to recommend licensing a more basic system from America or continental Europe or to adapt existing Bank systems.

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Mounting losses: Rolls-Royce workers leave the Derby plant vowing to resist redundancies "at any cost"

Rapist, 15, given two years by appeal judges

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE 15-year-old rapist allowed to go free after being ordered to pay £500 for a holiday for his schoolgirl victim had his sentence replaced with two years' detention by the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Three judges headed by Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, allowed an appeal by Sir Nicholas Lyell QC, the attorney-general, that a three-year supervision order made by Judge Prosser at Newport Crown Court on February 5 was "unduly lenient".

Lord Taylor said the rape of the 15-year-old girl and the oral sex she was subjected to were serious offences with aggravating features. A non-custodial sentence was "simply not tenable". But Lord Taylor defended Judge Prosser, whom he said did not deserve the "vilification" that he had received.

Lord Taylor said the sentence of two years was much less than an adult would have received; five years is the starting point for rape by adults. The court had also borne in mind the boy's youth and the stress on him and his family, as well as that on the girl and her family.

As the sentence was pronounced, the boy was visibly shocked. He whispered to his solicitor: "Have I got two years?"

During the judgment, the boy looked down into his lap and appeared to fight back tears. He blushed as Lord Taylor gave details of his rape and indecent assault on the girl. At one point he looked frantically at his father, who gave him a sympathetic shrug.

The majority of appeals by the attorney-general over sentences he considers too lenient result in the sentence being increased. Nor is it unprecedented for a non-custodial sentence to be turned into a custodial one.

Birt faces growing demands to leave the BBC

BY NICHOLAS WATT AND RAY CLANCY

PRESSURE on John Birt to resign as director-general of the BBC was growing last night amid new disclosures about the tax advantages he gained through his private company.

Alasdair Milne, director-general of the BBC from 1982 to 1987, said Mr Birt's behaviour "looked monstrous" and that he had shown shortsightedness in paying his wife £15,000 as a secretarial assistant and a further £14,000 as a director of John Birt Productions.

Disquiet among staff and the corporation's board of governors has made Mr Birt's position vulnerable. The condemnation from Mr Milne,



Milne: accused Birt of being shortsighted

who left the BBC after a disagreement with the governors, is symptomatic of a wider body of opinion in the television world that Mr Birt should be made to account for his actions and resign.

Mr Milne, speaking for the first time since it was revealed that Mr Birt had been paid on a freelance basis for six years, said: "It looks monstrous and is beyond belief. Birt has no understanding of the BBC if he thought he could get away with this. He has shown extraordinary short-

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Yeltsin storms out of hostile congress

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin, faced with a crushing defeat by the Russian Congress of People's Deputies, yesterday walked out of the chamber after a hardline deputy, calling for his dismissal, said he had ruined the economy and flouted the constitution.

A furious Mr Yeltsin gathered his papers and stormed from the platform concluding a day in which the supreme legislature repeatedly ignored his authority, insulted his government and gave initial approval to a resolution that would curb his powers and increase those of the conservative-dominated parliament. Details of the proposal, which would prevent him going ahead with his planned referendum on who rules Russia, will be discussed today.

Deputies voted overwhelmingly to scrap the moratorium on constitutional amendments agreed in December despite a warning from Mr Yeltsin that the Russian Federation could suffer the same fate as the Soviet Union. Facing a silent and hostile chamber, he denounced congress for "leaving not one stone of the agreement that existed between us intact", and pleaded with the assembly not to undermine his role as popularly elected leader. "I want strong presidential power in Russia not just because I am the president but because I am convinced that it is the only way for Russia to survive and rise again."

Viktor Chernomyrdin, the prime minister, supported Mr Yeltsin's demand for a strong presidency and called for greater independence for the government to allow it more control over the economy. He said that control over the central bank was essential to the continuation of reform.

But in a fierce attack, Ruslan Khasbulatov, the Speaker, called for Anatoli Chubais, the privatisation minister, to be sacked, and dismissed the December agreement as "devil's work".

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British UN force held hostage

FROM REUTER
IN BANJA KOVILJACA

ANGRY Muslims took British troops hostage yesterday while they escorted a United Nations aid mission to the besieged Muslim settlement of Konjevic Polje in eastern Bosnia.

Jan Erik Linstad of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees said between 2,000 and 6,000 villagers surrounded two British UN armoured vehicles and refused to let them leave. The crowd told officials with the convoy: "If you don't take all the wounded you don't take any."

Major Alan Abraham, the commander of the escort, said a team of doctors and nurses withdrew from the village when it came under fire from Serb tanks. A spokesman for the British UN contingent in Bosnia, Major Martin Waters, said villagers surrounded the two armoured vehicles with burning bales of hay to prevent their escape.

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Flagship firm hit by market slump

BY ROSS TIEMAN AND JILL SHERMAN

AN ANGRY row erupted in the Commons yesterday over the government's commitment to manufacturing after the announcement that Rolls-Royce is to shed 5,000 jobs over the next two years.

The prime minister described the job losses as "distressing", while John Smith challenged John Major to back his declared support for manufacturing by intervening to stop the redundancies.

The cutbacks will be concentrated at the aero-engine plants in Derby and Bristol, reflecting falling demand for warplanes and a delay in the expected recovery of airliner sales. The redundancies will be split between white-collar staff and production workers.

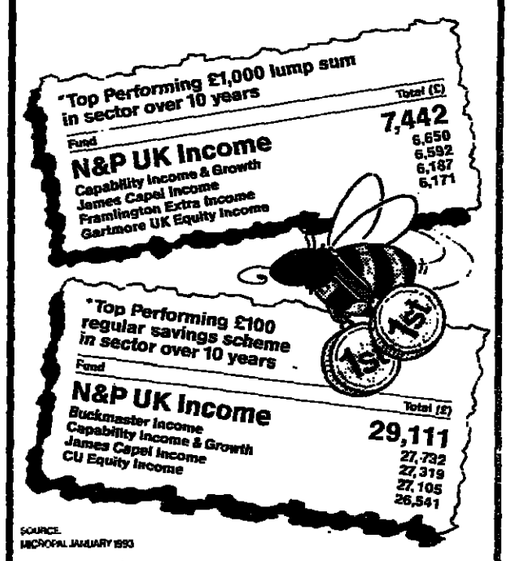
The announcement coincided with more optimistic news from Ford that it had cut its redundancy target from 980 to 685, ruling out immediate compulsory redundancies. The Rolls-Royce redundancies, which amount to 10 per cent of the workforce, were announced at the same time as a pre-tax loss for last year of £184 million.

The Labour leader seized on the job losses to question the prime minister's support for manufacturing industries. Mr Major pointed out that Rolls-Royce's two main international competitors were planning job losses for the same reasons: the state of the international market and international demand. "It is not nannying intervention this country needs of the sort you advocate. It is the sort of supply-side measures we are taking," said Mr Major.

Tim Webb, national officer of the MSF technical union that represents many Rolls-Royce white-collar workers, said unions would resist compulsory redundancies "at any cost". He called on the government to provide assistance to enable Rolls to keep employees on, saying the cutbacks would restrict Rolls's ability to take advantage of an upturn forecast in aerospace markets.

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MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

He's mean, he's moody, so steer clear of Big John

Time is kept in the chamber by a big digital clock above hon members' hon heads. PM's questions end at 3.30 sharp. As this time approaches, eyes stray to the clock. Yesterday the prime minister began his last reply at 3.29. "Productivity's up," he cried, "house sales are up; retail sales are up; car sales are up."

"Time's up," said Madam Speaker. It was 3.30.

The final whistle could not have come too soon for Mr Major. The PM has become increasingly irritable in recent weeks.

John Smith, for a start, got it in the neck. Nothing he said really deserved this. The Labour leader has been rather dull in the Commons of late, and a popular pastime among everybody except the leader of the Opposition has become to discuss what we would ask if only it were we who could carpet the prime minister twice a week.

Smith only seems to have one question: "Here's a fine mess and what's the government going to do about it?" Yesterday, as we might have predicted and Major had, job losses at Rolls-Royce were the subject.

Here's a fine mess and what's the government ... etc., Smith asked. Major's eyes began to swivel rather as Margaret Thatcher's used to. He launched into an ill-tempered rant about how bailing industries out was tried in the sixties and ... etc.

At this, Smith decided to get passionate, which in Mr Smith is signalled by the adenoids: he changes from sounding as though he has a bad cold, to sounding as though he has a very bad cold.

He had a little splutter about how it was a Tory PM who had rescued industries like Rolls-Royce. On the foremost bench below the gangway, Ted Heath, in his blue socks (always a dangerous sign), nodded. Perhaps Major saw this, for he became even crosser. "There he goes again!" he barked at Smith, and began to rage about the "nanny state".

He was still fuming when Paddy Ashdown was unwise enough to intervene, the Liberal Democrat leader's public sanctimony undimmed by a week's private horsetrading, ultimately unsuccessful, with Tory whips over Maastricht. This was more than Major could bear.

He spat out something about "principle" as opposed to "practice". It was unclear what he was trying to say, except that he meant to conclude with the phrase "until he's *done* it".

Unfortunately Mr Major hit the word "done" slightly too hard, even for the emphasis he intended. His voice broke. The result was that, though the "until he's" and the "it" were delivered gruffly, "done" came out in a sort of yodelled squeak. It rather undermined the majesty of the prime minister's rage. Two cabinet ministers covered their mouths to suppress a giggle. One did not even try.

After this, nothing could please our PM, not even the cheery Dr Spink, Canvey Island's evangelist for Christian values. Last year Dr Spink surprised colleagues by intervening in a debate to invite MPs to join him in the chapel. Yesterday he was led to appear in the role of a little ray of sunshine and leapt up, beaming, declaring "I *thought* I heard my name," and telling everyone the good news about rising house prices.

"My hon friend puts it in his own way," said Major, grumpily.

If the Majors keep a cat at Great Stukely, it would be well advised to make itself scarce when the master comes home this weekend, or it may be kicked over the Wilton, across the Oriental rug and into the piano.

Concern at political impact of defence ministry announcements

No 10 shelves news of 1,400 navy job cuts

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

PLANS by the Ministry of Defence to confirm the loss of 1,400 jobs at two naval bases have been postponed on orders from 10 Downing Street because of concern about the political impact of continuing job losses.

The announcement of 1,000 service and civilian job cuts at Portland naval base, Dorset, and 400 civilian job losses at the fleet maintenance and repair base at Portsmouth, Hampshire, had been due this week. But the news yesterday of 5,000 job losses at Rolls-Royce prompted Downing Street to take control of all announcements by the defence ministry until further notice.

Under the MoD plans, Portland will close by 1996. The navy's sea-training operations there will be switched to Devonport. The naval air station at Portland, which employs 1,200 servicemen and 200 civilians, is to stay open. The number of civilian staff at the fleet maintenance base at Portsmouth will be reduced from 2,210 to 1,810.

With all three armed services going through a phased redundancy programme, Downing Street has decided that it should take charge of the timing of announcements, presumably with the aim of staggering them to lessen the impact.

There is concern that the Royal Navy will have to announce more redundancies than had been planned under the government's *Options for Change* defence programme. The original plan was to reduce its manpower to 55,000 by 1995.

Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, will have to make substantial cuts in equipment in all three services because of a decision by the Chancellor, in his Autumn Statement, to reduce the defence budget by an extra £1.05 billion during the next two years.

Among naval equipment most at risk are the four new Upholder-class diesel-powered submarines, costing £500 million each, which could be sold, scrapped or mothballed, and a new £170 million helicopter carrier. Also, the destroyer and frigate fleet could be cut from the *Options* figure of 38 to 35.

If Mr Rifkind goes ahead with any of these extra cuts in equipment, naval manpower will also have to fall. The current level of 57,000 may have to drop to 50,000, instead of 55,000, with at least 2,000 being made redundant. The rest would go through natural wastage.

Tighter rules to protect patients from HIV staff

BY JEREMY LAURANCE AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

HEALTH authorities were ordered yesterday to tighten their procedures for protecting patients from NHS staff infected with HIV.

All new staff involved in operations or other invasive procedures are to be asked to confirm that they have read the guidance issued by their professional bodies on HIV before they are offered jobs. The guidance requires any health worker who suspects they may be infected with HIV to tell their employer.

But despite a growing campaign among MPs for the screening of medical staff for HIV, Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, ruled out routine testing of those involved in operations or other invasive procedures.

Mrs Bottomley also announced that the government is to issue guidelines to health authorities spelling out when they should inform the public that a health worker has HIV or Aids, following yesterday's disclosure that Mid-Glamorgan health authority had delayed five months before revealing that a doctor had died of Aids.

The leaders of doctors', nurses' and dentists' professional bodies had been summoned to the department to consider whether anything further could be done to ensure the guidance was "up to date". The department's expert advisory group on Aids had confirmed that routine testing was not justified. Mrs Bottomley told the Commons it was essential that the guidelines on disclosure for health care workers were "scrupulously observed" and that "failure to do so would be a serious breach of professional practice".

Under pressure from both sides of the house, she said repeatedly that there had been no British incidence of a patient becoming HIV-infected as a result of treatment by a doctor, nurse, midwife or dentist.

Patrick Nicholls, Tory MP for Teignbridge, said screening would not be objected to by those health staff who were least at risk of infection. "It may not be politically correct, but it would have the advantage of being morally right."

David Blunkett, the shadow health secretary, asked for an assurance "of openness and clarity in the NHS so that staff and patients can feel protected and secure if they come forward for advice and treatment".

Mrs Bottomley said: "My position on testing of health care workers is one of practical common sense. It would mean three months' testing of vast numbers of health care workers, with a risk of driving the matter underground."

HIV screening of all medical staff who perform operations or other invasive procedures would cost up to £50 million a year to eliminate a negligible risk, health experts said yesterday.



Bottomley: routine screening of health care workers has been ruled out

Tory MPs sidestep clash on Maastricht

BY OUR POLITICAL STAFF

CONSERVATIVE MPs last night pulled back from a showdown over Europe after an unprecedented appeal from their chief whip for unity.

The party's pro-EC and Eurosceptic factions had gone in force to a Commons room for what many feared would be a bitter confrontation in the 1922 Committee of Tory MPs. A letter from over 80 pro-EC MPs calling for the resignation of 1922 Committee executive members who opposed the government's Maastricht bill had looked likely to start a row that some thought would split the party.

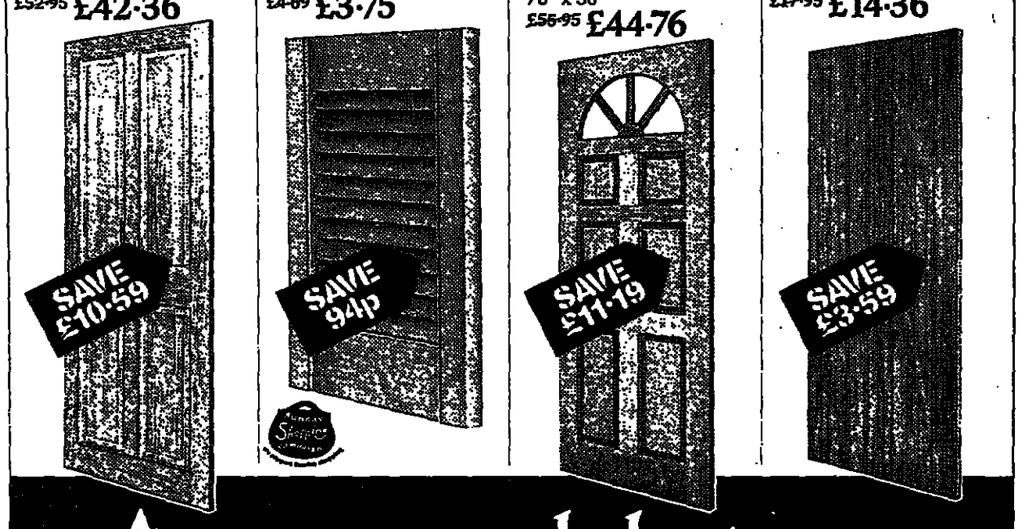
Party managers, led by Richard Ryder, chief whip, tried to avert an explosion. A junior whip told the 1922 Committee meeting that Mr Ryder had sent a "special request" that they should not give comfort to opposition parties or ammunition to the press with the government only days from the Budget.

Sir Marcus Fox, the 1922 chairman, merely told MPs that he had received the letter, that it had been discussed by the executive and that he was planning no action.

MPs, faced with such a direct plea for calm, had little option but to heed it. No one suggested it was other than a respite in battle, and pro-Europeans appeared less satisfied than Eurosceptics.

Lord Tebbit yesterday let it be known that he intends to table a Lords amendment for a Maastricht referendum.

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Rolls-Royce workers cowed by fear

BY IAN MURRAY

"I WANTED to work for Rolls-Royce because you got pride from knowing you were building something that was the best in the world," John said as he drained his pint. "Now that pride has gone. I feel as empty as that glass."

John is 33 and has been building Rolls-Royce aero engines for nine years since finishing a five-year engineering apprenticeship. He is terrified of giving his full name. "The management has got us on a list now. We get points if we miss work or are late. If we speak out now we can be pretty sure we'll be first out when they choose who they make redundant."

His fear is no more than typical of that among his fellow workers in Derby, where the news that 650 local staff must go this year followed by 900 next year has stunned everyone in the town.

"We can't win. We are told that if we don't cut costs we will lose orders and jobs and if we do cut costs it means losing jobs," John said.

Tony McCandless, the engineering union convener, said yesterday that he felt as though he had just been kicked. "The sheer arrogance of the way they told us the jobs were to go is intolerable. But we have no alternative other than to accept. If we take to the streets they'll let even fewer back in the gates afterwards and they have warned us that we are gambling with thousands of pounds in redundancy money.

"For two months now I have been trying to see the new industrial relations manager and he has been unable to find time to meet me even though I am the senior shop steward."

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CORRECTION

Jonathan Powell is head of drama at Carlton Television and not Channel 4 as incorrectly reported yesterday.

Pressure growing for Birt to resign

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sightedness. He has only been director-general for two minutes and he has damaged himself in the eyes of his 25,000 staff."

Mr Milne added that Marmaduke Hussey, chairman of the board of governors, and Lord Barnett, vice-chairman, should think hard about what Mr Birt had done and that Mr Hussey should consider his position.

The next meeting of the BBC board is expected to discuss Mr Birt's future. "The real story is the power struggle going on at the BBC, you can smell it," one former governor said. "It does not matter whether or not Mr Birt has made any ill-advised claims, what matters is whether or not the public think he has."

Sir Curtis Keeble, former British ambassador to Moscow, who was a BBC governor between 1985 and 1990, said: "These disclosures are something the present governors have got to think about."

Opinion is turning against Mr Birt among the wider television world. Jeremy Isaacs, general director of the Royal Opera House and a former chief executive of Channel 4, challenged him on Tuesday to name the secretarial assistant shown in his company accounts to have been paid £15,000. Mr Birt refused to do so but BBC sources later confirmed that it was Mrs Birt. Sir David Attenborough, the natural history broadcaster and former controller of BBC2, said that Lord Reith, the BBC's first head, would never have allowed Mr Birt's freelance contract.

Another former controller said that the BBC was splitting into two camps. "Under Mr Birt there is now a pretorian guard of permanent staff with huge salaries and a lower class on low salaries."

One of the key unanswered questions is why Mr Birt felt it necessary to spend £15,000 employing his wife as a secretary when he had access to a large group of secretarial staff at the BBC.

NEWSBRIEF

Unions claim victory over Ford job cuts

Car industry unions claimed a victory yesterday after Ford abandoned plans for compulsory redundancies in the light of a "sustained recovery" in the company's United Kingdom car sales (Ross Tieman writes).

A threatened strike by 24,000 manual workers was averted when the company told union leaders that it had cut its target redundancies for production jobs from 980 to 685. Jimmy Airlie, chief Ford negotiator for the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, said: "We see it as a victory for not only common sense but for the determination of the Ford workers not to accept compulsory redundancies."

Leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers decided to call a 24-hour strike on April 2 in protest at pit closures. The pit deputies have rejected a call for industrial action. Arthur Scargill, NUM president, dismissed suggestions that a strike could cost the miners their widespread public sympathy and said members of the pit deputies union were unlikely to cross picket lines.

Ex-UN chief honoured

Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, former UN secretary-general, has been proposed for an honorary doctorate of civil law from Oxford University. Aung San Suu Kyi, a leading Burmese dissident and Nobel peace prize winner, and Archbishop Trevor Huddleston, anti-apartheid campaigner, have also been proposed for honorary degrees.

£67,000 for £2 painting

A painting bought by an American tourist for £2 at a car boot sale near Bristol sold for £67,226 in New York yesterday. When the tourist took "Ruby Throat with Apple Blossoms", which shows two humming birds on a branch, to Christie's it was identified as a rare work by the American painter Martin Johnson Heade (1819-1901) and valued at £34,000.

Court backs cell bugging

The police practice of bugging cells to obtain evidence against suspects was approved by the Court of Appeal yesterday. The judges dismissed appeals by Jason Bailey and Steven Smith, two robbers who were jailed after being convicted partly on the evidence of conversations recorded while they shared a bugged cell.

Banker killed himself

Peter Hardy, a bank manager, threw himself off cliffs at Beachy Head, in East Sussex, after being made redundant from Barclays. Mr Hardy, 45, of Speen, Buckinghamshire, who joined Barclays when he was 18, drove to the cliffs two days after being offered early retirement, an inquest in Eastbourne was told. Coroner's verdict: suicide.

Festival gets extra cash

Edinburgh District Council is to give the Edinburgh Festival Theatre an extra £500,000 over the next two years. Last year it agreed a £5 million capital contribution to the Empire Theatre project, but there was an overrun on the original costs. It is also to give an extra £112,000 to Edinburgh International Festival for the coming year.

Inflicting injuries for sexual pleasure illegal, Lords rule

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

PEOPLE who inflict sado-masochistic injuries on each other for sexual pleasure are guilty of criminal assault even though they consent to what happens, the law lords held yesterday.

In a landmark ruling which was immediately attacked by civil libertarians, the law lords held by three to two that consent to such practices was no defence to charges of wounding or assault causing actual bodily harm.

Their ruling came in a case involving a group of ten sado-masochists who inflicted injuries on each other during homosexual rituals but has much wider impact.

Lord Templeman said yesterday: "Society is entitled and bound to protect itself against a cult of violence. Pleasure derived from the infliction of pain is an evil thing. Cruelty is uncivilised."

The ruling prompted calls for a law of privacy. Andrew Puddephatt, general secretary of Liberty, said: "We are very disappointed. This ruling seems to license the state to intervene in all of our private lives beyond that which is necesssary to safeguard any legitimate public interest."

The ruling had "potentially criminalised a whole range of perfectly harmless activities", he said. "It demonstrates the need for a general right of privacy to be enacted. Law cannot be made in a vacuum like this. Parliament should be legislating on where the bounds of privacy lie."

Nicki Wolf, of Feminists Against Censorship, the pressure group, said the ruling showed where the law's priorities lay. "Despite some 30 years of campaigning by the women's movement to have domestic violence put on the political agenda, it seems that legal condemnation is reserved largely for those men who mutually consent to sado-masochistic sex."

The judgment confirmed that "consent" was of "little or no importance to the law", she added. The ruling was "an insult to all women and we condemn it both for its removal of rights over our own bodies and the failure of the law to recognise the true nature of sexual violence".

The law lords dismissed appeals by five men, members of a countrywide ring of sado-masochists, who practised genital torture including the use of sandpaper, fish-hooks, scalpels and hot wax.

The men were convicted with 11 others at the Old Bailey in 1990. The Court of Appeal later cut their sentences, which ranged up to four and a half years, but upheld their convictions.

The five are Roland Jaggard, 45, a former aerospace engineer of Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire; Saxon Lucas, 60, a lay preacher from Evesham, Hereford and Worcester; Anthony Brown, 57, a former local government officer from Yardley, West Midlands; Christopher Carter, 40, a fancy dress hire proprietor of Frankwell, Shropshire; and Colin Laskey, 50, a former teacher from Pontypridd, Mid Glamorgan.

Lord Templeman said some consensual activities which involved actual bodily harm — such as ritual circumcision, tattooing, ear-piercing and violent sports like boxing — were lawful. But duelling and fighting were both unlawful and the consent of the protagonists afforded no defence.

Sado-masochism was not only concerned with sex but also with violence. "The evidence discloses that the practices of the appellants were unpredictably dangerous and degrading to body and mind and were developed with increasing barbarity and taught to persons whose consents were dubious or worthless."

Drink and drugs were used to obtain consent and increase enthusiasm. The victim was usually manacled and had no control over the harm which the sadist might inflict. There were obvious dangers of serious personal injury and blood infection. He said there was a difference between violence which was incidental and violence which was inflicted for the indulgence of cruelty.

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TIM BISHOP



Giving the biscuit: Richard Sparkes, a chargehand, sampling a biscuit baked to keep Britain going during the second world war, now destined to aid famine relief. John Gummer, the agriculture minister, said in a written reply on Tuesday that Britain no longer needed strategic food stocks. About 2,500 tons of the biscuits have already been sent to Somalia and the Overseas Development Administration will allocate the rest of the 200,000 tons of food

Broadcasting watchdog attacks TV violence

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

IN A series of tough rulings on television violence, the Broadcasting Standards Council yesterday criticised the "sensationalism" of a documentary about the mass murderer Dennis Nilsen, "excessive" violence in the peak-time drama *The Good Guys* and "incitement to violence" in the late-night youth programme, *The Word*.

The council's ruling against Central Television, makers of the Nilsen documentary "*Murder in Mind*", which was screened in January, accepted that the subject of serial killing was not off-limits for television. However, it strongly criticised the programme makers for showing a "coming next" clip half-way through the documentary advertising an interview with Nilsen at the end. This was "indicative of a different and more sensational approach to a matter of much public concern".

Commenting on the huge increase in complaints received in the last month from viewers on matters of taste, decency, sex and violence, Lord Rees-Mogg, chairman of the council, said he welcomed the public debate on television violence. "As most of the world's television is financed by advertising, I can only conclude that a lot of people in the commercial world think that what is shown on the screen does affect the public's behaviour. It is important that we talk about these things."

The council also upheld complaints against London Weekend Television's *The Good Guys*, starring Nigel Havers and Keith Barron, for the "excessive" violence of an attack on an elderly woman during the opening scene of the programme shown shortly after 9pm.

Channel 4's *The Word* was accused of incitement to violence. The council said the broadcaster should have edited out a call by Shabba Ranks, a reggae singer, for homosexuals to be crucified when a live programme was repeated the following night.

Despite the findings, the television industry yesterday held firm in its view that the public is not unduly disturbed by screen violence.

The Independent Television Commission said its research showed that of the 28 per cent of viewers who claimed to be offended by independent television material last year, 16 per cent complained about bad language compared with 10 per cent concerned about violence.

Priest kept child porn video films

A CATHOLIC priest who kept a library of pornographic films was yesterday placed on probation for two years and ordered to see a psychiatrist after admitting possession of obscene films of children under 16.

Fr John Flaherty, 38, was also fined £200 by magistrates at North Shields, Tyne and Wear, after admitting four offences of publishing indecent material about children.

The court was told that police raided his home, next door to the church where he worked in Whitley Bay, last August after finding his name in a pornography dealer's address book. Flaherty handed them a case containing 20 pornographic videos, two of which contained short films of a paedophile nature.

Flaherty, who was convicted of gross indecency with a man in a public toilet six years ago, would not be returning to pastoral duties at present, his solicitor, Malcolm Gregor, said. The Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, Dr Ambrose Graham, will review his position shortly.

West End director asphyxiated in bed

BY LOUISE HIDALGO

A MURDER hunt was launched yesterday after a West End musical director and choreographer was found dead in bed, apparently after a homosexual encounter.

The body of Peter Walker, 45, was discovered by a colleague when he failed to appear for rehearsals of a musical due to open in London later this month.

Mr Walker had been working as assistant to the director, Michael Blakemore, on *City of Angels*. Mr Blakemore yesterday described Mr Walker as a "great professional" and said his death was a "great loss and shock to the company".

Mr Walker's body was found, naked and covered by a duvet, in bed at his flat in Battersea, southwest London on Wednesday. A post mortem examination gave the cause of death as asphyxiation. Police said they believed Mr Walker, who was a homosexual, may have returned with someone to his flat on Monday evening, the day he was last seen alive. It is thought he died later that night, although the body was not discovered until two days later.

His hands had been tied with rope shortly before his death and subsequently removed, police said, and there were signs that his flat may have been ransacked. His two dogs were found in another room.

Det Supt Roland Heming, heading the murder investigation, appealed to a man who made three telephone calls, two of them to national newspapers, shortly after Mr Walker's body was discovered, to come forward. The caller "was agitated and was . . . someone who knew the circumstances of the death".

Mr Walker's credits as a choreographer and director include Tim Rice's musical *Chess* and the Paul Nicholas production of *Pirates of Penzance*. He had choreographed productions for the Royal National Theatre, including *The Rivals*, *School for Scandal* and *Jumpers*.

His agent, Vicky Tinker, said it was a "devastating loss".

Whales trapped in shallow water at risk of starvation

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

MARINE biologists and naturalists are considering a rescue mission to free six sperm whales trapped in the shallow waters of Orkney's Scapa Flow. They fear that if the whales do not escape in the next two to three weeks they could die of starvation.

It is rare for the deep-water sperm whale, the biggest measuring 40ft, to find their way into the narrow channel, and this has happened only twice in the past 20 years. In 1976 six whales were trapped and in 1981 one was sighted. On both occasions the whales managed to escape.

Chris Booth, a local naturalist, first saw the whales on February 22. "I thought at first they were pilot whales and was surprised to discover they were sperm whales. There is not enough food in the flow to support six large whales and they must be surviving on their reserves of fat," he said.

Mr Booth has been in touch with Dr Tony Martin, whales biologist and senior scientific officer at the Sea Mammal Research Unit, Cambridge. He has experience of helping to free trapped whales in the Azores and Madeira.

"I would not be at all surprised if they were unable to find their way out, given the topography of the sea bed around there," Dr Martin said. "It is extraordinary that they managed to find their way in in the first place. They are almost landlocked and I think it would be a stroke of luck if they found their way out."

The whales, almost certainly male, are believed to have strayed into the natural harbour while following food. Dr Martin said they would be frightened and confused at not being able to find their way into deeper water. The flow was a busy shipping channel and the whales were shying away from the boats.

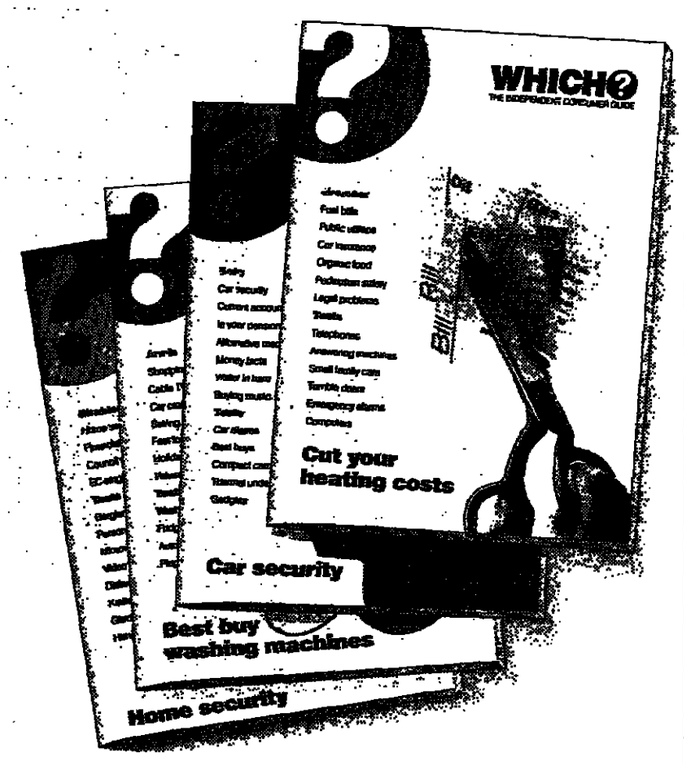
Dr Martin has offered to help in a rescue mission and Scottish Natural Heritage is likely to be involved. A rescue attempt would involve a large number of boats and good of co-ordination. "I think the chances are it would be successful," Dr Martin said. "They are just like sheep and respond to the same things."

☐ The legendary great white whale of Herman Melville's novel *Moby Dick* was a sperm whale, a species that for 200 years provided a quarry for the whalers of Europea and North America (Nigel Hawkes writes).

Given the huge harvest — as recently as 1974, 20,000 sperm whales were being taken every year — the creature has survived remarkably well. There are probably at least half a million in the oceans today.



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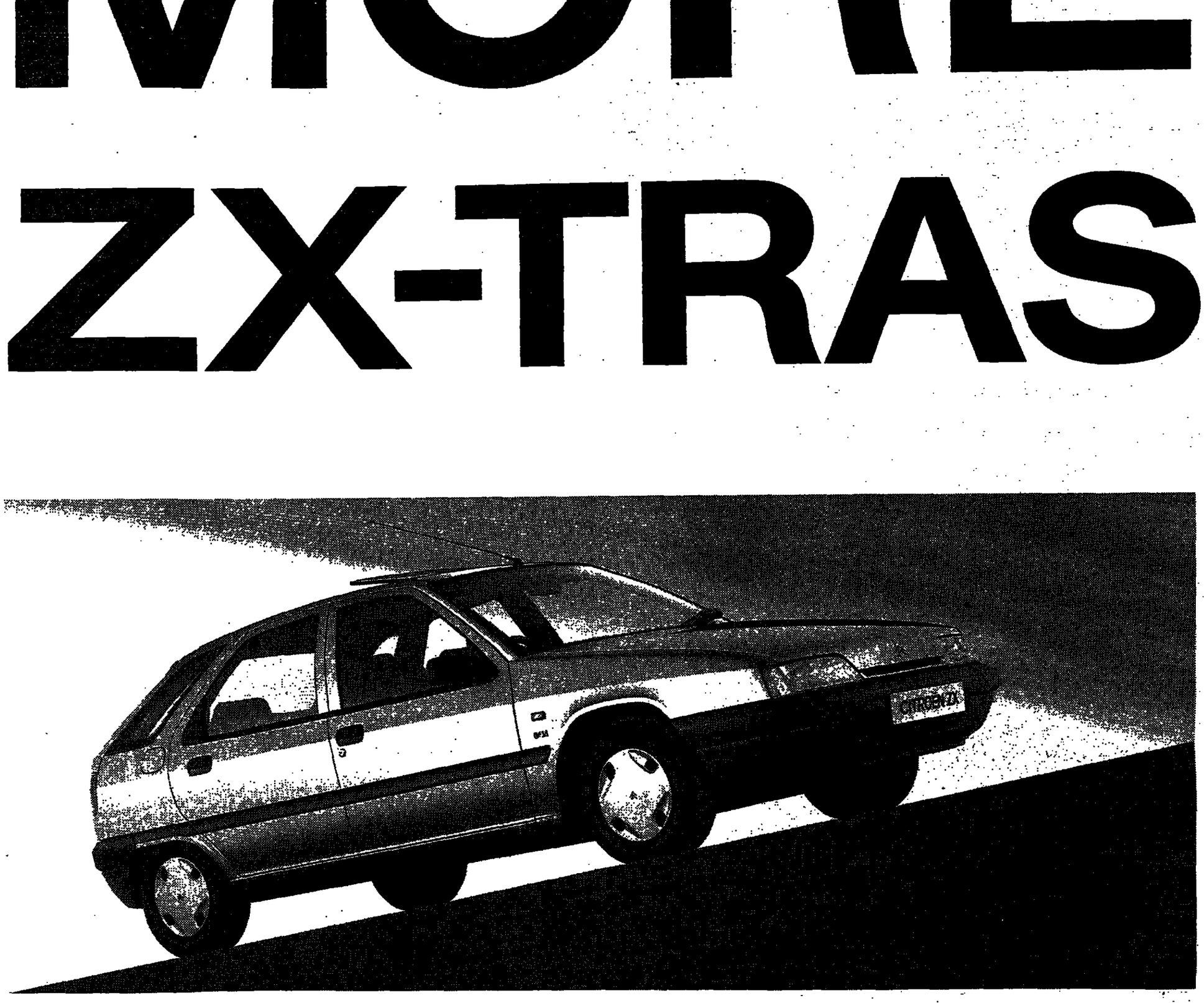
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Health chief acts after farmer's death

Cow disease 'does not affect humans'

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

THE government's chief medical officer, Dr Kenneth Calman, last night issued a statement to calm fears that "mad cow disease" poses a threat to humans, after behind-the-scenes pressure from farmers' leaders.

Concern that bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) can pass to humans has been revived by the death of a dairy farmer from a related dementia, Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD). It affects only about one in two million people.

One of the farmer's cows died from BSE in 1989. More than 87,000 cattle throughout Britain have been destroyed after contracting the disease.

Dr Calman said: "I wish to emphasise that there is no scientific evidence of a causal link between BSE in cattle and CJD in humans." Beef could be safely eaten by everyone, including children and sick people, and he was "confident that all necessary action had been taken to safeguard public health".

Earlier David Naish, president of the National Farmers' Union, said: "I would welcome a strong statement from the chief medical officer. That would carry more weight with the public than statements from the agriculture ministry, which is seen, rightly or wrongly, as being too close to farmers." Mr Naish said he feared that sensational reporting could harm the dairy and beef industry.

CJD, first diagnosed in the early part of this century, and BSE, which appeared only in 1986, cause almost identical brain damage. BSE has been transmitted in the laboratory to animals by injecting them with large amounts of infected bovine brain tissue. But that tells us little about the risk, if any, to humans through natural exposure.

The dairy farmer's death was the first identified case of CJD in a person exposed to BSE infection through their occupation. Neuropathologists in Edinburgh have been monitoring all new cases of CJD in Britain, of which there are about 30 a year. They have found no evidence of cross-infection from BSE so far.

Agriculture officials yesterday tried to calm fears that BSE is out of control. They said that new cases in the first two months of this year were only six per cent up on the same period of 1992. In previous years, the number of new cases had roughly doubled each year.

Kevin Taylor, assistant chief veterinary officer, said: "This is the best evidence we have that contaminated feed was the cause of the BSE outbreak, and that the ban on the use of such feed since July 1988 is working."

Scientists believe cattle were infected by meat-and-bone meal containing the remains of sheep suffering from scrapie, a condition similar to BSE.

But Professor Richard Lacey, a microbiologist at Leeds University who has been a stern critic of government policy on BSE, accused Mr Taylor of "massaging the figures". He said: "A very marked decline in the number of new cases should have shown up by now if what they say is true. My own belief is that the disease is being transmitted vertically from the cows to their offspring."

ALAN WELLER



Dusty covers: the literary élite had to pick their way through the debris at the unfinished British Library at St Pancras, north London, yesterday to watch the £10,000 W.H. Smith Literary Award being handed to Michèle Roberts for her novel, *Daughters of the House* (Daniel Johnson writes). It was the first event to be held on the site of the controversial building, which Commander Michael Saunders Watson, the retiring chairman of the British Library board, described as "a temple of the book". Many were less complimentary about the library's huge atrium, where yesterday's lunch was held. "It's a carbuncle," muttered one publisher. Ms Roberts was shortlisted for last year's Booker Prize. In her acceptance speech yesterday, she attacked "misogyny and trivialisation".

Scientists still baffled by BSE

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

SEVEN years after the first cows in Britain fell ill with bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), scientists are still uncertain about its cause.

Research has shown that infected material from cows' brains can cause the disease when injected in large amounts into other animals, and that feeding cows with material from sheep infected with scrapie, a related condition, was the primary cause of the BSE outbreak.

Experiments have shown that an abnormal protein called PrP is involved in the pathology of scrapie, BSE, and degenerative brain diseases in humans such as Creutzfeld-Jakob disease. But are these so-called "prion" proteins the cause, or merely the marker of a genetic predisposition to disease caused by some undiscovered agent?

The leading advocate of the prion hypothesis is Professor Stanley Prusiner of the University of California in San Francisco. He has transferred the human PrP gene into mice, which then developed brain disease. "The trouble is that it is very difficult to show that you haven't contaminated things *en route*," Dr Chris Bostock of the Agriculture and Food Research Council's institute for animal health in Edinburgh, said.

Those who believe that the infective agent must have its own DNA point to the fact that 20 different strains of scrapie have been isolated. "This is the most compelling evidence that the infective agent must have its own DNA or RNA," Dr Bostock said. "A protein couldn't account for the different strains."

There is, says Dr Bostock, "solid evidence" based on hundreds of years of eating lamb and mutton that scrapie does not transmit to man. The assumption is that the same will apply to BSE.

Fishermen blockade market to prevent foreign 'dumping'

By Paul Wilkinson

FISHERMEN and dock workers on the east coast last night set up a 24-hour blockade to prevent cheap Russian and French fish being dumped on Grimsby market.

The men who earlier this week turned back three lorryloads of fish landed by French fishermen in protest at attacks on British-caught fish in Paris and Brittany, have drawn up a rota system to ensure the fish market gates are picketed at all times.

The tightening of the blockade comes as members of the National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations meet in Grimsby today. Richard Banks, the federation's chief executive, said that it would consider approving the unofficial action by the fishermen and port workers. He said: "We cannot condone violence, but feelings in ports across Britain are running high."

The federation has sent a letter to the leaders of Russian fishermen urging them to stop dumping on the British market. "The Russians are desperate to get foreign currency and so are prepared to take almost any price," Mr Banks said. The price of cod at the market has halved.

Coroner attacks blood refusal by mother

By A Staff Reporter

A CORONER yesterday urged Jehovah's Witnesses to re-examine their refusal to accept blood transfusions after hearing how a young mother of two bled to death from complications caused by the birth of her son.

Martin Shaw, the Sunderland coroner, said that he found it difficult to accept the consequences of such religious beliefs when they affected the lives of children. He recorded a verdict of misadventure on Yvonne Leighton, 28, of Sunderland, who went into the city's hospital with internal bleeding 13 days after giving birth.

She died after she and her husband refused permission for a transfusion. She also had a daughter aged six.

Mr Leighton said: "If my wife had been given blood and had found out, she would not have wanted to live."



From the centre court to the Oval, fashion pundits signal a return to traditional dress

Stubble row puts sporting style under scrutiny

BY ALAN HAMILTON

WHEN Keith Fletcher, the England cricket team manager, leapt to the defence of Graham Gooch's designer stubble yesterday with a plea that shaving in hot countries was liable to bring a nasty rash to even the squarest-cut of English jaws, he might have added that Mr Gooch scored 333 against India, the highest total achieved at Lord's.

He might also have mentioned that W. G. Grace scored 54,000 runs in a cricketing career that involved no shaving at all.

Cricketers of an earlier generation, who would never be seen even at the nets wearing anything but whites, have criticised England's off-duty air of yobbish sloppiness during their present tour of the sub-continent. Denis Compton, who once advertised Brylcreem, has urged Gooch to shave. Fred Titmus has declared that to have discipline on the field, you need discipline off it.

> 'The only jazzing that W. G. Grace succumbed to was a black belt for his trousers'

The county side which still maintains the most rigorous dress rules is Yorkshire. Players may not step on the field of Headingley wearing baseball caps, floppy hats or any other headgear save the traditional cricket cap. Other county authorities, by comparison, are lax on the matter of players' dress.

Off-duty shabbiness may well be a reaction to the silly clothes cricketers are increasingly obliged to wear for work. Kerry Packer began the trend in 1977 when it was found that a white ball for the floodlit games did not show up against white players. He therefore dressed Australia in yellow, Tony Greig's World XI in blue and New Zealand in the colour of dirty sheep. In the last World Cup, with Pakistan and South Africa in green, spectators had to strain to see the teams against the grass.

England still play their Test matches in almost-virgin white, sullied only by the name of a certain brand of beer on their shirt collars. But rainbow hues will again be the order of the day in this coming season's Sunday league. Mr Gooch and other Essex Men will be in bilious yellow, dotted with bits of blue and red.

Sponsors demand it: they will not cough up the money unless the game is jazzed up for television. The only jazzing that W. G. Grace ever succumbed to was a black belt to hold his trousers up.

Tennis has fallen equally to peacockry, a result of big money coming into the game when Wimbledon became an open championship in 1968. There is no sportsman more kaleidoscopic and unbarbered than Andre Agassi, last year's men's singles champion, although when at Wimbledon he is obliged to observe the All-England club's ruling that playing dress must be predominantly white. Since the 1920s, women tennis players have pushed at the boundaries of correct dress, ever since the days of Suzanne Lenglen who caused racing pulses — and record queues — by wearing skirts well above the ankle and sporting a coloured bandeau in her hair. The daring tennis knicker has been a regular feature of the sport ever since, from Gussie Moran's 1950s frillies to Maria Bueno's 1960s underwear in the All-England colours.

Harriet Quick, of the trade magazine *Fashion Weekly*, said yesterday that the England cricketers' love of dressing down off the field was merely a reflection of what was happening in the wider world of fashion.

"The uniform is out in all areas. Uniforms express power and status: now people dress for themselves. The recession has helped to shift the focus of fashion from the corporate identity to the individual. Even on the sports field, the institution has become less important than the man."

They do not talk like that in football circles. The England team is expected to, and generally does, wear the off-duty uniform of suit or blazer whenever they step out of their hotel. Fifa, the sport's ruling body, has recently banned players on the field from wearing their shirts outside their shorts, which would have had Denis Law and George Best in permanent suspension.

Athletes too have fallen victim to outrageously lurid costumes, with the likes of Florence Griffith Joyner, brightening up the track, even the England international rugby shirt, once plain white with a red rose, now has odd and unnecessary splashes of colour around the shoulders and neck. Rowing still keeps up its standards, with the lawns of Henley decorated by a sea of striped blazers and matching caps which make corpulent men look remarkably like an army of Billy Bunters.

For sartorial standards, on and off the field of play, few sportsmen can match the elegance and correctness of the golfer. Payne Stewart may have been a slight exception at a recent British Open in the colours of the national flag, but the average player adheres rigidly to the pastel trousers and the fine Scottish wool sweater.

Dress codes are observed by everyone from Nick Faldo, who never appears anything but scrubbed and groomed, down to the humble suburban golf club, where sartorial solecisms like jeans or — perish the thought — tracksuits will invariably draw down the wrath of the committee.

But the tide, as ever, is changing. *Fashion Weekly* reports that, within two years, formal sporting wear will be back in fashion. And a sportswear manufacturer in Manchester is already doing a roaring trade in traditional rugby shorts which reach almost to the knee.



Changing face of sport: Florence Griffith Joyner's shorts, Graham Gooch's stubble, a smooth Denis Compton and Andre Agassi's hair

Pigs bred to carry human genes

BY NICK NUTTALL
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

GENETICALLY engineered pigs carrying human genes in their cells have been bred by British scientists, it was announced yesterday.

The pigs, known as transgenic animals, could offer hope to thousands of people in need of heart, lung and other organ transplants.

Unlike normal animal organs, which the human body rejects, those from pigs carrying fragments of human genes should be more likely to be accepted. The genes used are understood to produce proteins on the surface of the pigs' organs that may be able to trick the immune system into believing that the donor organ is from a human.

The animals, bred from crossed large whites and landrace swine, were born in December and earlier this year. Two are alive and being held at a secret location amid fears of a protest by animal rights activists who claim that thousands of such animals could suffer before even one ill person benefits.

Steve McIvor, campaigns director of the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection, said people should be encouraged to donate their organs when they die rather than have animals bred for transplantation purposes.

Dr Tony Suckling, head of scientific affairs at the RSPCA, said there were difficult ethical questions, but added: "It would be churlish of us to oppose the saving of human life if the transplantation of these organs is successful."

The genetic research is being led by Imutran, a Cambridge-based company. The team plans to breed more of the pigs, but says there is much experimental work to be done before the gene-altered organs can be used.

☐ The first British test of gene therapy will begin next week, when an eight-month-old baby will be treated for a congenital condition that leaves her with no resistance to infection. The Clothier Committee, which advises the government on gene therapy, approved the treatment yesterday.

'Animal' drivers stalk the roads of Britain

MOTORISTS are animals on the road and follow the law of the asphalt jungle when they get behind the wheel, a report out today says. The research shows that animal-like aggression is a major cause of accidents.

Each day 13 people die and 800 are injured on Britain's roads and for every accident involving injuries there are up to ten more in which there is only damage to vehicles.

The report from the AA's Foundation for Road Safety Research, carried out by psychology professors at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, says it is the animal-like desire to protect territory and to dominate the pack that makes motorists drive aggressively.

When trying to overtake, for instance, many drivers do not wait until it is safe but "challenge" other cars for dominance or block other vehicles as a way of protecting their territory.

The report says: "It is necessary for only a few drivers to behave aggressively to protect what they regard as their territory for many others to feel threatened."

Most drivers admit they speed regularly but few say it is dangerous, the report says. "If serious inroads are to be made into current attitudes to speeding, the prevailing view that it is neither a crime nor dangerous must be changed. All drivers need to be convinced that speed is a weapon that can kill."

Jones store wins fight over leases

BY NICHOLAS WATT

PETER Jones, the department store at Chelsea, central London, succeeded yesterday in fighting off an attempt in the High Court to withdraw its leases.

Mr Justice Mummery said that Viscount Chelsea, the freeholder, was not entitled to take back two of the three leases granted in 1933.

Cadogan Estates, which runs the viscount's 90 acres in Chelsea, said that the store had reneged on an agreement in the original leases to demolish the Dutch style Mackmurdo building and the frontage to the Victorian Symons Street block behind Sloane Square. The John Lewis partnership, which runs the store, said that demolition was impossible because the buildings are listed.

The judge said that John Lewis had a "lawful excuse" for failing to comply with the leases because of the slender chance of getting permission to demolish the buildings. He granted John Lewis a declaration that Cadogan Estates were not entitled to take back the leases and dismissed the viscount's claim for possession and damages for breach of the rebuilding covenants.

The viscount was ordered to pay costs. His lawyers are considering an appeal.

Stuart Hampson, chairman of the John Lewis Partnership, said afterwards: "If they had succeeded in taking over the leases it would have given them the chance to re-negotiate the terms. John Lewis currently pays about £6,000 a year for the leases which have another 940 years to run."

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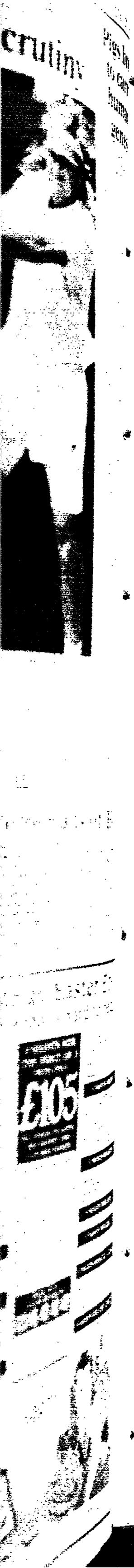
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Serial killer stalks the cast and crew of BBC's £10m Costa flop



Yentob: said to be sharpening his axe

FROM ALISON ROBERTS IN FUENGIROLA

AN AIR of gloomy expectation hung over the set of *Eldorado*, the BBC's troubled Spanish soap opera, yesterday. "OK, we know our days are numbered," muttered one crew member as he hurried through the set gates, mobile phone in hand.

The cast and crew will stand by their telephones in Spain today, awaiting the call from London which will announce the show's fate. A BBC executive meeting today is expected to decide what to do about consistently poor ratings, an inability to sell the show abroad and unfriendly critics.

Despite Alan Yentob's recent claims to have enjoyed last weekend's episodes, the new BBC1 controller is clearly fed up with the show. "He would obviously like to get rid of us, but it's a question of whether he can," said one member of the team on location. "How exactly is he going to replace 90 minutes a week of prime-time television in three months?"

Verity Lambert, whose company *Cinema Verity co-produces Eldorado* for the BBC, has flown back to London to meet Mr Yentob. It was rumoured that she went armed with a list of risky plot ideas to spice up the show, but the BBC was confirming nothing.

The set, fenced off high in the hills above the Costa del Sol, came to life late yesterday morning. Security guards stood at the entrance smoking and kicking their heels. "I don't know what I'll do if this job ends," said one. The £10 million soap employs about 200 people, most of them Spanish.

No one seemed to know when or how they would hear from London or who would make the call. The show's widely credited recent improvement was put forward keenly as reason for a stay of execution. But *Eldorado*'s passing will not be mourned by the real expatriates, whose British community on the Costa del Sol centres on Fuengirola at the foot of the hills.

The fictional residents of Los Barcos, Costa del Eldorado, have never borne any resemblance to the genuine British refugees, they claim. A regular lunchtime gathering at the town's English speaking theatre offered tips to the scriptwriters.

"They want a chap who sells his villa and escapes to Gibraltar with all his cash in a suitcase. Or a local car boot sale with lots of stolen cars. That happens here quite a lot," Ruth Bradley, originally from Leicester, said.

"The real trouble is that most of them have got as much acting ability as that bottle of San Miguel," Roger White said.

The brown-faced, mostly elderly, expatriates lined up the Spanish brandies on the theatre bar. Frank Pantriani, the joker in the Brit pack, maintained that life in Fuengirola was far more scandalous than that portrayed by the BBC. A former BBC musician, Mr Pantriani shuddered at the thought of Mr Yentob stalking the winding Spanish streets, axe in hand. "We've got enough problems on this coast with unsavoury characters without having serial killers as well."

The show has had little impact on the community. Several members have had walk-on parts or played the organ in the *Eldorado* bar. Polly Perkins, the actress who plays caberet singer Trish, has performed in Fuengirola for the British. The set is hidden in the hills and the BBC crew rarely mix with the real thing.

Perhaps they should have done, said the theatre crowd. "You could produce a smashing show using the gossip here as the basis for a script," Mrs Bradley said.

Some residents looked on the show with a more favourable eye, noting its improvements. The soap is not shown in Spain but the expatriates have video tapes sent out by relatives with "all the BBC stuff we miss" on them. Requests for *Eldorado* petered out fairly quickly but a few still see it out of curiosity.

There is a feeling of relief in this Little England that the show has been such a flop. Had it attracted a sizable audience, Fuengirola might have been overrun by more British than it could take. Good job the BBC did not ask Peter Mayle to write the script, said one wag.

STEPHEN MARKESON

Jobs squeeze creates lost generation of graduates

■ Long-term forecasts by employers show economic recovery will not restore graduates' privileged place in the job market

BY JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

EMPLOYERS fear that the recession may create a "lost generation" of graduates, whose job prospects recede as they have to compete with the growing numbers leaving universities and colleges each year.

Students from outside the traditional pool of white male school-leavers are most at risk, according to a report published yesterday to mark the 25th anniversary of the Association of Graduate Recruiters. It found that women, mature students and ethnic minorities are at a disadvantage in the increasingly competitive job market.

Personnel managers in some large companies have found applications from last year's graduates sharply down in the current recruitment round. Some fear that previously unsuccessful candidates are abandoning the search for work using their training and talents.

Many graduates have converted vacation jobs into full-time positions, hoping for promotion to more responsible posts or waiting for openings elsewhere. Carol Goodman, author of the report, said: "Some graduates have always worked in bookshops, composed music or written novels. What has changed is that the proportion doing jobs that used not to be seen as requiring the intellectual calibre of a graduate is rising."

The report, which examines the prospects for graduates in the next century, says: "There is a serious risk that the years of recession may produce a lost generation of graduates: capable people whose choice of career was squeezed out by the severe crunch on jobs.

"This certainly applies to people who are forced to turn casual, low-skilled jobs into *permanent employment.*" Many thousands may be in this position by the time the recession ends.

University careers advisers believe the continuing pressure on jobs will encourage employers to fall back on A-level scores, predicted degree classifications and prestigious universities to select trainees. Others will be forced into jobs with uncertain prospects.

Ms Goodman said the white male graduate would soon be in a minority, but those from less traditional backgrounds were being hit disproportionately in the squeeze on jobs. She had heard a number of "horror stories" from women and members of the ethnic minorities while carrying out research for the report.

In one case, a non-white British woman had been recalled for an extra medical examination and questioned about diseases from the Indian sub-continent before being offered a job.

Ann Bailey, the association's chairman, said: "As a country, we cannot afford to allow the abundance of talent that is queuing up at employers' doors to dissipate. Our investment in their education would be lost, and graduates' own time and effort wasted if they cannot find jobs in which they can use their talents."

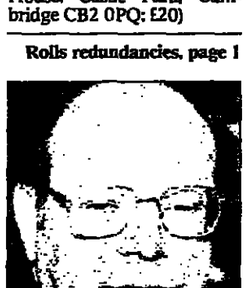
The association, which includes most of the large recruiters of graduates and a growing number of smaller companies, predicts that even when the recession ends, the traditional fast stream from university to managerial employment will be open to only a small minority. Graduates will fill a much wider range of jobs, and will have to grasp individual opportunities to develop a career.

The association yesterday urged graduates to look more widely for jobs, considering small organisations and even apprenticeships previously reserved for A-level candidates.

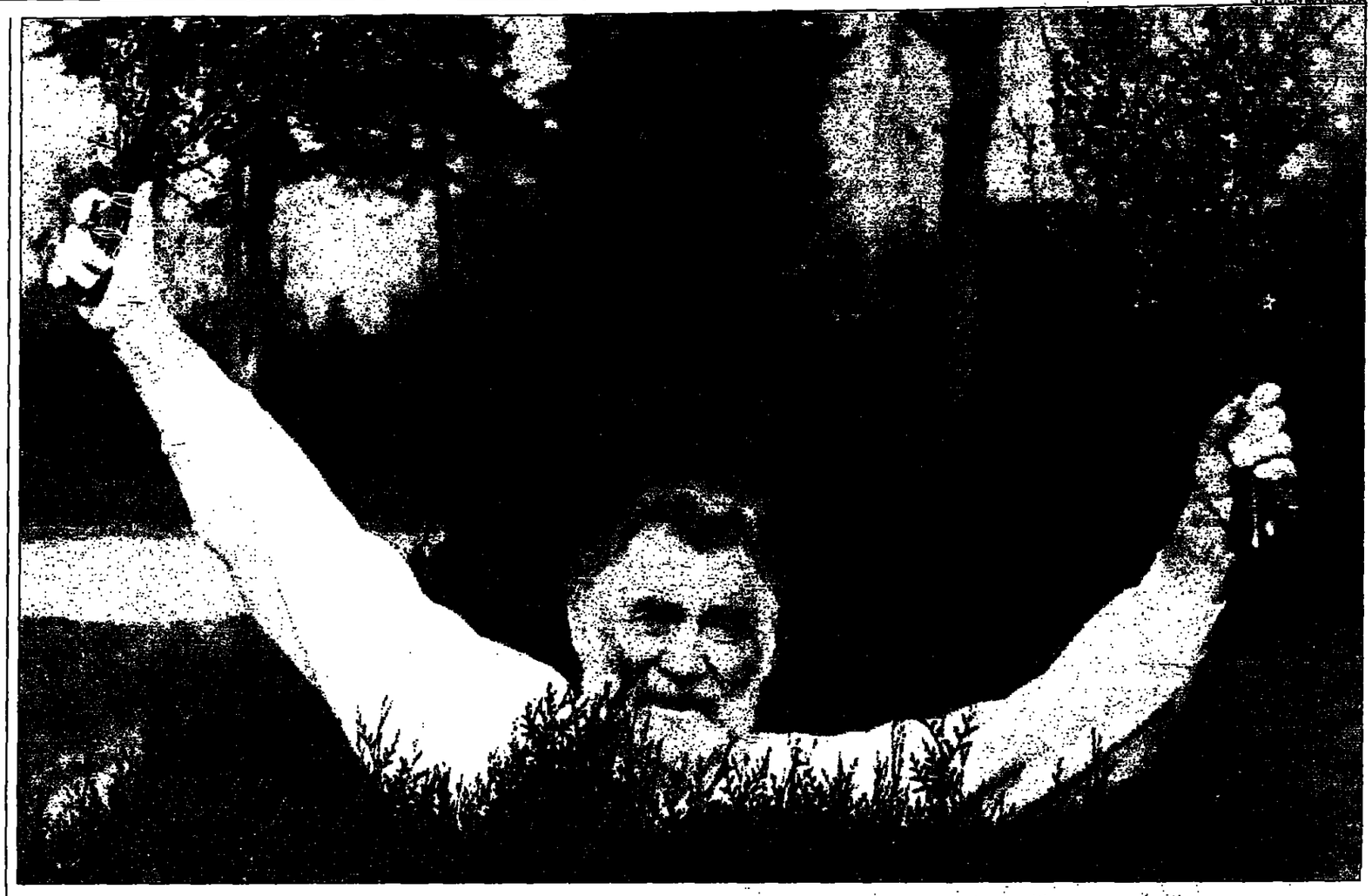
Mike Heron, the new chairman of the Post Office, who launched the report, said: "I would tell graduates to use their time either to get more qualifications or more life experience, perhaps to get experience of work. The worst thing they can do is to do nothing."

Roles for graduates in the 21st century (AGR, Sheraton House, Castle Park, Cambridge CB2 0PQ: £20)

Rolls redundancies, page 1



Heron: "Worst thing is to do nothing"



Growing concern: the television presenter and botanist David Bellamy holding aloft sprigs of blackthorn and hawthorn yesterday when he unveiled plans to establish a "Great Hedge" across Britain by the end of the century. The project, organised by the plant conservation charity Plantlife, will link up hedgerows into a continuous line from coast to coast, creating Britain's longest environmental feature. In the process, the organisers hope to increase awareness of the importance of hedgerows as a wildlife habitat and to halt their decline. Dr Bellamy said: "Our hedges need all the help they can get. I hope this project fires your imagination the way it does mine." Hedgerows provide a vital wildlife habitat but, in spite of 800 miles being replanted annually, are disappearing at the rate of about 5,000 miles a year, mainly due to neglect, modern farming methods and road and house building. Managing hedges is labour intensive and maintenance costs are high. Farmers are not exclusively to blame for hedge loss — road-widening schemes and building on green-field sites are take an increasing toll. Plantlife, which has yet to work out a route for the great hedge, is hoping to attract sponsorship from the public and private sectors and is also seeking public donations. The charity plans to target Gloucestershire for the first phase of the project, encouraging the revival of parish boundary hedges in a link across the county. Plantlife, established in 1989, is dedicated to the protection of any endangered plant and its essential habitat.

STEPHEN MARKESON

Caviar boom leaves behind a taste of something fishy

BY ROBIN YOUNG

CAVIAR sales are booming, and imports rose by almost 50 per cent last year, but established merchants are worried that a blackmarket in grey and fishy slush will give their product a bad name.

Much caviar offered for sale in outlets that would not normally have supplies is illegally smuggled from the Caspian and Black seas. The taste can be little better than fish glue.

"Some tastes worse than rotting herring," said George Rebeiz of Caviar House, which sells the real thing, principally through airport shops. Mr Rebeiz, who has suggested a seal of approval for authentic caviar, offered *The Times* a sample of contraband roe. It was decisively distasteful.

Fishmongers and delicatessens in London, Birmingham and Manchester are advertising tins of sevruga and osetra, sometimes with the legend "original Russian tins", from £16 to £27 for 50 grams.

Not all the supplies are smuggled. Britain's official imports of caviar rose from just under 23 tonnes in 1991 to more than 32 tonnes last year, valued at more than £3 million.

Even Marks & Spencer have joined in, selling sevruga from specially refrigerated cabinets since Christmas at £18.50 for 30 grams in flagship stores.

Price differentials are considerable. At Harrods and Fortnum and Mason sevruga is £24 for 50g and osetra £32. Beluga, the biggest and juiciest roe from the largest species of sturgeon, is £75 for 50g at Harrods and £78 at Fortnum & Mason. Harvey Nichols' Russian beluga is £53.45 for 50g, but the shop's food hall offers Iranian beluga at only £45.75.

At the Kaspia restaurant in Mayfair, staff report a ready market for their three-caviar menu, a meal built around 30 grams each of pressed caviar (made with crushed roe, and known as "fish jam"), sevruga and osetra. The restaurant also sells 50g portions of sevruga at £27.80, osetra at £35.50, and beluga at £95, with discounts for those whose appetites run to larger portions.

Seizures of contraband caviar at continental customs checkpoints have multiplied tenfold since the collapse of the Soviet Union, but HM Customs and Excise have no record of seizures in Britain.

"A lot of caviar is probably imported within duty-free allowances," a spokesman said. "People think they have a bargain, but do not know what they are eating."

Schoolboy dies on skiing trip

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A BOY who died in a skiing accident at Aonach Mor near Fort William on Wednesday has been named as Sean Campbell, 12, from Liverpool. He was one of a group of 20 Scouts on a week-long skiing trip at Nevis Range.

Sean's death was described as a tragic accident by Ian Sykes, manager of the development. "The boys were with an instructor from Glen Shee," he said. "Sean and three other boys began skiing at the bottom of one of the main runs.

"He started to lose control and ran off the snow on to grass at the bottom of the piste, where he fell and hit his head on a rock."

Two doctors skiing nearby attended the boy immediately and he was taken by helicopter to Belford Hospital in Fort William, but was dead on arrival.

3D images improve cancer treatment

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

A TECHNIQUE for producing three-dimensional images of nerves could revolutionise the treatment of back pain, sciatica and some cancers.

The method, developed in Britain and the US, uses magnetic resonance imaging machines already in most hospitals. The nerves are shown up by using various techniques to suppress the stronger images normally produced by fat, muscle, and blood vessels. What is left is a picture of the nerve, allowing surgeons to identify damaged regions or helping them to avoid the nerves if they are carrying out other operations.

Professor John Griffiths, head of the Cancer Research Campaign's biomedical magnetic resonance research group at St George's Hospital, London, said yesterday: "Until now there has been no means to generate a clinical image of a nerve as it passes along its course within the human body. We hope that this new method of diagnosis — which we've called neurography — will be widely available for use in routine clinical practice."

Magnetic resonance imaging works by inducing the nuclei of atoms within the body to switch from one energy level to another under the influence of magnetic fields. The behaviour of the atoms depends on their environment, so that different organs produce different signals, enabling images to be built up on computers.

Scientists at St George's and the University of Washington in Seattle report in this week's *The Lancet* that they produced a cross-sectional image of the sciatic nerve in the thigh of a 24-year-old man suffering from a stab wound. An operation to repair the nerve was carried out.

Professor Gordon McVie, of the Cancer Research Campaign, said that some cancer operations should become easier and safer.



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Lib Dems call for voucher scheme to put jobless in work

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE government should pay employers to take on the long-term unemployed, say the Liberal Democrats.

As opposition parties yesterday put forward their proposals for next week's Budget, Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, launched plans for a benefit transfer scheme "to boost confidence, stimulate recovery and put people into work".

Alan Beith, the party's Treasury spokesman, unveiled the party's "common sense" budget, warning the Chancellor not to put up taxes. The main elements, apart from the jobs plan, included a programme of public investment in repairing school buildings, measures to assist small business, including cuts in the uniform business rate, and tax proposals such as changes to company car taxes. "We do not believe taxes should go up in this budget. Consumer confidence is too fragile and the recovery is too weak for the economy to stand higher taxes now," Mr Beith said.

Under the jobs proposal employers who took on someone who had been out of work for more than six months would receive a voucher. Employers would only be eligible if they paid £1.50 an hour and offered at least 20 hours a week employment. The voucher would be worth £1 for every week over six months that someone had been out of work, up to a maximum of £104 for someone who had been out of work for more than two and a half years. An employer who had hired someone who had been unemployed for more than a year would initially get £26.

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The value of the voucher would reduce the longer the employee was kept on.

"Instead of spending money to keep people on the dole, the government would be spending money on people to work," the party's document says.

Mr Ashdown said that with three million unemployed and one million unemployed for more than a year, Britain needed "fresh thinking and enlightened experimentation". His voucher scheme contrasted to workfare schemes, which required people to work in return for their benefits, because it would be voluntary and would result in reasonable levels of income.

The party claims that there would be no net cost to the government, as the money saved on social security and gained in extra revenue would pay for the scheme. Eligibility rules for employers would ensure that firms did not sack more costly employees in order to employ cheap labour.

Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, also called on Norman Lamont for a Budget for jobs and for swift action to close tax loopholes. Mr Brown said he had identified £2 billion over two years in tax anomalies, loopholes and appeasement of vested interests which could be channelled instead into extra jobs.

- ☐ About £120 million had been lost to the taxpayer in the past three days through a tax loophole in the business expansion schemes for deals to buy repossessed and newly built homes.
- ☐ Companies avoid capital gains tax by buying firms which have made a capital loss.
- ☐ Advanced corporation tax capacity companies are bought by companies that have to pay high advanced corporation tax, to avoid hefty payments.
- ☐ UK trust holders only pay 35 per cent tax on trust income.
- ☐ Oil companies avoid petroleum revenue tax by manipulating oil cargo prices.
- ☐ Two thousand estates are avoiding capital gains tax.



Feet first: the actress Maureen Lipman, and Neil Kinnock, the former Labour leader, show off their feet, judged as being among the top 20 by the British Footwear Fair

Tory Euro-rebels face party activists

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

REBEL Tory MPs will discover the depth of feeling among local party activists over their decision to vote against the government on the Maastricht bill when they attend the annual meetings of their constituency associations today.

One constituency chairman yesterday angrily denied being incited by government whips to criticise her MP, Nicholas Budgen. Rosanne Williams, chairman of Wolverhampton South West party, said she had never had any pressure from Conservative Central Office to attack him.

Mrs Williams defended herself after Mr Budgen, in an article in *The Times* yesterday, said that David Lightbown, a senior whip, had encouraged her to appear on television to undermine his position. He accused Central Office and the whips of behaving like communists.

Mrs Williams accepted that Mr Lightbown had called her on the night before last November's paving debate on Maastricht, in which the government's majority fell to three. She said that Mr Lightbown had asked whether she knew of Mr Budgen's whereabouts because he had missed an important vote that day. Mr Lightbown had asked her whether, if she saw or spoke to Mr Budgen, she would ask him whether he would think again on the Maastricht vote.

"He certainly did not incite me to make any criticism publicly of Mr Budgen and I am angry with Mr Budgen for suggesting that he did," Mrs Williams said. She said she had no contact from Central Office on the subject.

She said that any Tory MPs who voted against the government on the social chapter would be guilty of a "dishonourable act."

Strong differences of opinion are likely to emerge at the annual meetings today, although most of the 26 rebel MPs' senior association officials have supported their stance in Monday's vote.

One Tory MP likely to face strong reaction tonight will be Andrew Hunter, who has been criticised by senior members of his Basingstoke association for not consulting his constituency officials.

John Wilkinson can also expect animated discussion with some members of his association when he returns to his Ruislip, Northwood constituency this weekend. Colin Hayfield, association vice-chairman, admitted that some members were "a bit fussed" about his decision to vote against the government.

There were signs of unease in Stafford, whose MP, William Cash, has blazed the trail for the anti-Maastricht brigade. Trevor Reeves, the association chairman, said: "There is a consensus which supports whatever stance Bill decides to take while the bill is at a talking stage. But the constituency returned a Conservative MP to be part of a Conservative government."

Labour's electoral reform study heads for 'fudged' result

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
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LABOUR'S three-year study into electoral reform is expected to end without a conclusive vote for changing the system of electing MPs.

Although there is expected to be a narrow majority on the Plant commission for introducing an element of proportional representation into Westminster elections, there are sharp divisions among those who favour change over the type of system that would be brought in.

The commission, chaired by Lord Plant of Highfield, professor of politics at Southampton University, is to take a final view at a meeting next Tuesday.

After a last meeting on March 31 to approve the draft, the Plant report will go to a meeting of Labour's national executive in April, and thereafter to the party conference in the autumn.

In a straw poll of the commission in January a small majority favoured a historic change in the first-past-the-post system. Some members were absent and the decision remains finely balanced.

Members were split fairly evenly on whether to back the German-style additional member system, under which most MPs would be elected by first-past-the-post and the remainder from a list according to the proportion of votes cast for the parties in given areas, or a version of the alternative vote system which allows voters to state their votes in order of preference. This would contain an element of the French system in which there is a run-off between the two leading contenders.

The most significant change of view within the commission during recent months has been a shift from the additional member to the alternative vote system, according to informed sources.

John Smith, who is believed to be unenthusiastic about changing the system and anxious not to close the door on PR, would be suited by a "fudged" conclusion to the lengthy investigation. He wants this autumn's conference to take a firm decision on the Plant report to prevent Labour becoming bogged down in constitutional discussions. He constantly reminds his colleagues that Labour has to win the next election on the existing system.

However, a rejection of any proposal for change this autumn would not prevent Mr Smith reconsidering the issue nearer the next election, MPs believe.

Some colleagues believe that Mr Smith may be tempted to promise a referendum on PR in the next Labour election manifesto. He would be unlikely to give such an indication in the present fevered political atmosphere because of Labour's opposition to a plebiscite on the Maastricht treaty.

Lord Plant will not make any recommendation about a referendum. The strongest opponent of change within the commission is Margaret Beckett, Mr Smith's deputy.



Plan: PR commission is sharply divided

Private doubts eased over Whitehall bids

BY PETER RIDDELL
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THE government yesterday sought to remove obstacles in the way of private companies bidding for the £1.5 billion of Whitehall activities now being put out for tender and possible contracting-out.

The vastly expanded programme of what is known as market testing (up from around £30 million last year) has run into difficulties because of uncertainty about whether private contractors have to take over existing pay and terms of employment of staff.

The doubts concern the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations, generally called Tupe, which specify when existing conditions have to be preserved. William Waldegrave, the public services minister, yesterday issued a guidance note to clarify the application of Tupe. The note says that contracting out is not affected by the regulations unless it involves enough of the elements of the original operation to constitute the transfer of a going concern.

Mr Waldegrave said the government wanted market testing to proceed without delay. Later today he will host a seminar to be attended by 500 potential private sector contractors.

Tupe arises from a EC directive, and the government is talking to the Commission about an opt-out under subsidiarity.

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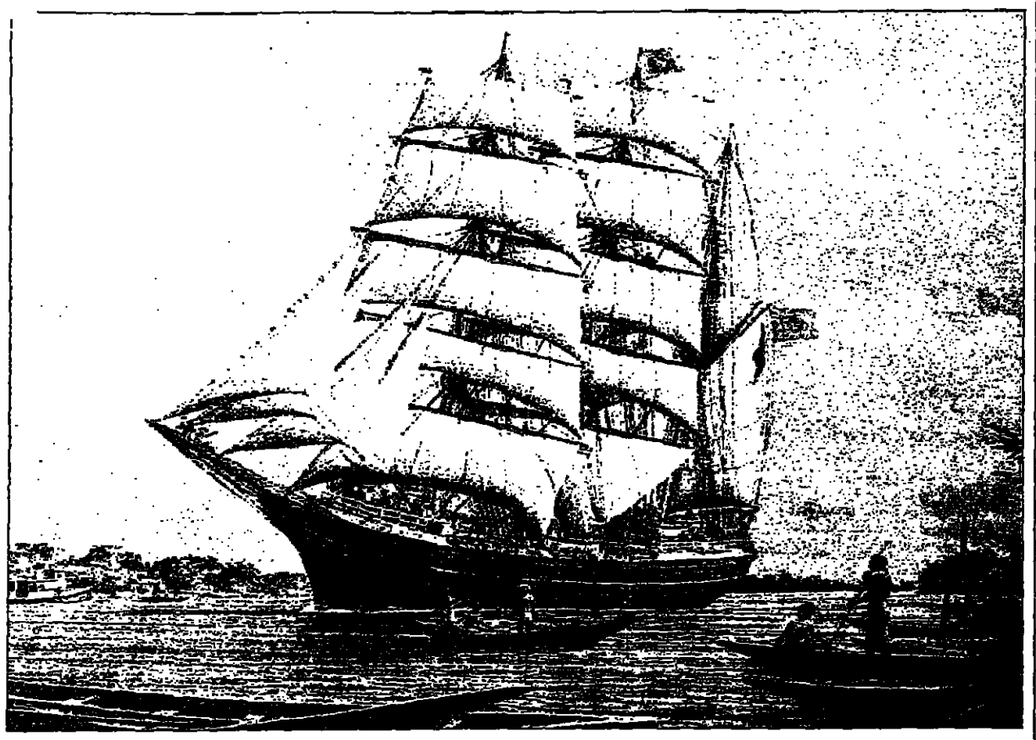
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Trading barque sails back from past



AN ARTIST'S impression of the first cargo sailing ship to be built since 1926, which could soon be plying the oceans. The £4 million, 200ft trading barque will be the flagship of the Renaissance Maritime Charitable Trust, set up to rehabilitate young offenders by providing them with educational and training opportunities at sea (Sebastian Goetz writes). The ship, to be built by Appledore shipyards in north Devon, will be traditionally rigged and fly 17,000 square feet of sail. It will have no modern labour-saving devices. One hundred young people a year aged 14 to 21 will crew the vessel on arduous voyages of three to four months. Plans for the ship have been drawn up by Captain Michael Willoughby, 80, a former submariner and naval architect. The design is original but loosely based on the generation of four-masted barques that sailed the world's trading routes at the end of the last century. The vessel will carry 1,800 tons of cargo, some of it to the Third World for charities at a reduced rate. Projected profits of £400,000 a year will be ploughed back into the trust. The main benefit, according to Jeremy Bell, the trust founder, is the low cost. Each offender will cost Devon social services about £400 a week compared with up to £2,700 in government institutions and Mr Bell believes re-offending rates will be halved. The trust hopes to get EC and government funding.

Flywheel battery puts electric car into the fast lane

BY NICK NUTTALL
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■ An environmentally-friendly motorised vehicle powered from a domestic electrical supply could be on the streets by 1998

THE dream of an electric car able to rival the petrol-driven internal combustion engine has moved a step closer to fulfilment. A multi-million pound programme to develop and build flywheel batteries for cars has been unveiled by one of the world's leading defence, space and electronics companies.

Unlike conventional chemical batteries, deemed the Achilles' heel of attempts to develop commercial electric cars, the flywheel battery is claimed to solve the issues of range, weight, acceleration and battery reliability.

On a single eight-hour charge from a domestic power supply, its makers claim, the flywheel battery can take a car up to 600 miles, well above the range of most petrol driven vehicles. The advanced lead acid batteries which General Motors of America planned to use give their Impact electric sports car a range of 50 to 124 miles on a single charge.

Several companies, including GM and Ford, who had hoped to develop electric cars to meet strict new emission targets in America, are quietly back tracking. Some have recently sued New York state, claiming that the battery technology does not exist to meet the state's requirement that a proportion of all new cars sold by 1998 must be electric.

The flywheel project, announced by Honeywell in Washington DC, will take a piece of promising but abandoned US military and energy department technology to commercial fruition. The deal to build the battery is worth $200 million (£138 million).

It has been developed and patented by American Flywheel Systems of Seattle, Washington. Edward Furia, chairman of the company and a former official with the US government's Environmental Protection Agency, said yesterday: "We should have a prototype in a car in 24 months and the system will be ready for the 1998 deadline."

At the heart of each battery are two tiny wheels made of magnets encased in a box wrapped round with coils. Its operation is similar to that of an electric motor or generator. When plugged into a domestic electricity supply for eight hours, the wheels are spun up to 250,000 revolutions a minute.

Removed from the electricity supply, they will spin for days at these speeds because they are held in a friction-free vacuum and suspended on magnetic bearings.

The motion of the spinning wheels is turned into electrical energy to power the car. "The further and faster you drive the slower the fly wheels spin," Mr Furia said. Eventually they stop and the battery needs recharging to get the wheels back to full spinning speed.

Dr George Chang, former head of the US government's research programme and a researcher who has studied the device, said he believed the firm had solved the technical problems which had led to the original project being abandoned.

Dr Chang, now based at the Federal Aviation Administration, said: "I believe the potential is tremendous ... for the automative sector and standby power sector."

Invention's stops and starts

THE 156-year history of the electric car is chequered with optimism followed by failure as successive designs have foundered on poor performance, limited range, sluggish acceleration and cost (Nick Nuttall writes).

In 1837 a carriage moved under its own electric power in Aberdeen only six years after Michael Faraday discovered the basis of electromagnetic induction.

London's first licensed cab was an electric vehicle built by W.C. Bersey and launched in 1897. The lead acid battery had 40 cells and ran 50 miles on a charge at an average speed of 12mph.

These early attempts to exploit the electric car as a rival to steam, although promising, could not in the end compete with the might of the petrol-driven internal combustion engine, which appeared towards the end of the 19th century.

Inventors have continued to offer electric vehicles to a bemused public.

The Enfield 8000 was the size of a Mini. The Electricity Council ordered 60 following the energy crisis of 1973 when the price of petrol soared. However, it cost more than £2,000, about twice the price of a Mini, and coasted to a halt after 45 miles.

In recent years there has been a renewed evironmental interest in such vehicles and hybrid versions that combine electrical and petrol power to improve performance.

Several American states, including New York, have enacted laws to phase in electric Makers are struggling to improve performance, particularly in cold regions where lead acid batteries are difficult to start and cannot store enough energy to provide adequate range and acceleration.

The problem, which the flywheel battery may solve, remains the traditional battery technology.

Ford is investing in a sodium-sulphur battery, as are Volkswagen and BMW. Such chemicals have a tendency to freeze at low temperatures.

Nickel cadmium, the technology used in toys, is also being examined. But such chemicals carry environmental hazards.

Lithium polymer batteries, claimed to offer performance similar to petrol, are being developed in the US. Commercialisation is believed to be ten years away. Fly-wheel rather than chemical batteries may be the key.

The way it isn't

CRAIG BROWN



TODAY we continue to trace the formation of the revolutionary Cambridge political group in the early sixties — Howard, Gummer, Lamont, Clarke, Fowler, et al — which was to leave its mark so resolutely on the politics of the nineties.

"Let it all hang out" was a phrase oft-used in the Cambridge of the time, and it became a byword for the Gummer gang, who would hang out their freshly laundered socks, underwear and drip-dry shirts every Tuesday and Thursday, so as to cut a dash at the Cambridge Union every Wednesday and Friday.

"We would debate current issues until way past bedtime," recalls Norman Fowler, "and sometimes we would even hear the college clock striking double figures." Their ceaseless rounds of debates, committee meetings and formal dinners ensured their emergence from their Cambridge careers as fully-rounded politicians, able to give carefully-crafted answers to whatever questions were thrown at them. "I'm very glad you asked me that question, Reverend," replied the young Michael Howard as he stood with his bride at the altar, "but it's really not as simple as 'will I or won't I'. We must never forget international trends, for instance ..."

But it was not all politics, politics, politics. They also had their fair share of fun. Lamont recalls going for a picnic with the gang. "We'd each had a shandy, and we were feeling rather merry and a little sleepy, so Ken Clarke said, 'Hey, gang, let's pretend to be cabinet ministers supervising the downfall of the country'. And, do you know, the extraordinary thing is that when we woke up, we were."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Jailed pair to be freed by India

Two British men who have been jailed in a remote area of India for more than a year are to be freed soon.

David Ward, 30, of Kettering, and Stephen Hillman, 23, of Scunthorpe, were arrested in January last year after allegedly entering the northeastern state of Nagaland without permits, travelling with rebel fighters, and causing a gun battle with paratroopers. The Home Ministry in Delhi said yesterday that they had been pardoned.

John Major discussed the men's case with the federal government during his visit to India in January. British officials feared that the two, who said they were compiling a report on human rights, would be charged with sedition, rioting, and conspiracy, and face life sentences.

Wife killed by jealous husband

A husband who could not bear to let his wife leave him for a younger man shot her through the head and then killed himself, an inquest at Epping, Essex, was told.

A taxi driver saw Alan Parrish, 37, fire the fatal shots at his wife Frances, 33, at a roundabout in Essex last month. The couple, who lived at Stansted with their two children, were found dead by police. The coronor recorded verdicts of unlawful killing and suicide.

Armed robbery

Two gunmen abducted the assistant manager of the Nationwide Building Society in Shepherd's Bush, west London, from her home and forced her to open the branch and hand over cash. They beat up the 26-year-old woman before tying her up and fleeing.

Peer fined

Francis Cumming-Bruce, 81, the 8th Baron Thurlow, was fined £400 for careless driving after Inverness Sheriff Court saw a police video that showed him overtaking in front of an oncoming lorry.

TNT danger

Army bomb experts removed and blew up 4oz of TNT found in a bottle at Christ's Hospital School, Horsham, West Sussex. The explosive is thought to have been stored at the school for 30 years.

Blandford visit

The Marquess of Blandford visited his estranged wife at Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, where she is recovering from head injuries caused by a riding accident.

300 jobs go

Lewis's department store in Leicester is to close within a year with the loss of 300 jobs. Many of the staff became shareholders in a management buy-out in 1991.

Surprise price

A Victorian plumed helmet from The Third Devon Light Horse unit sold for £1,300 at Bearne's in Torquay after being estimated at £200-£300.

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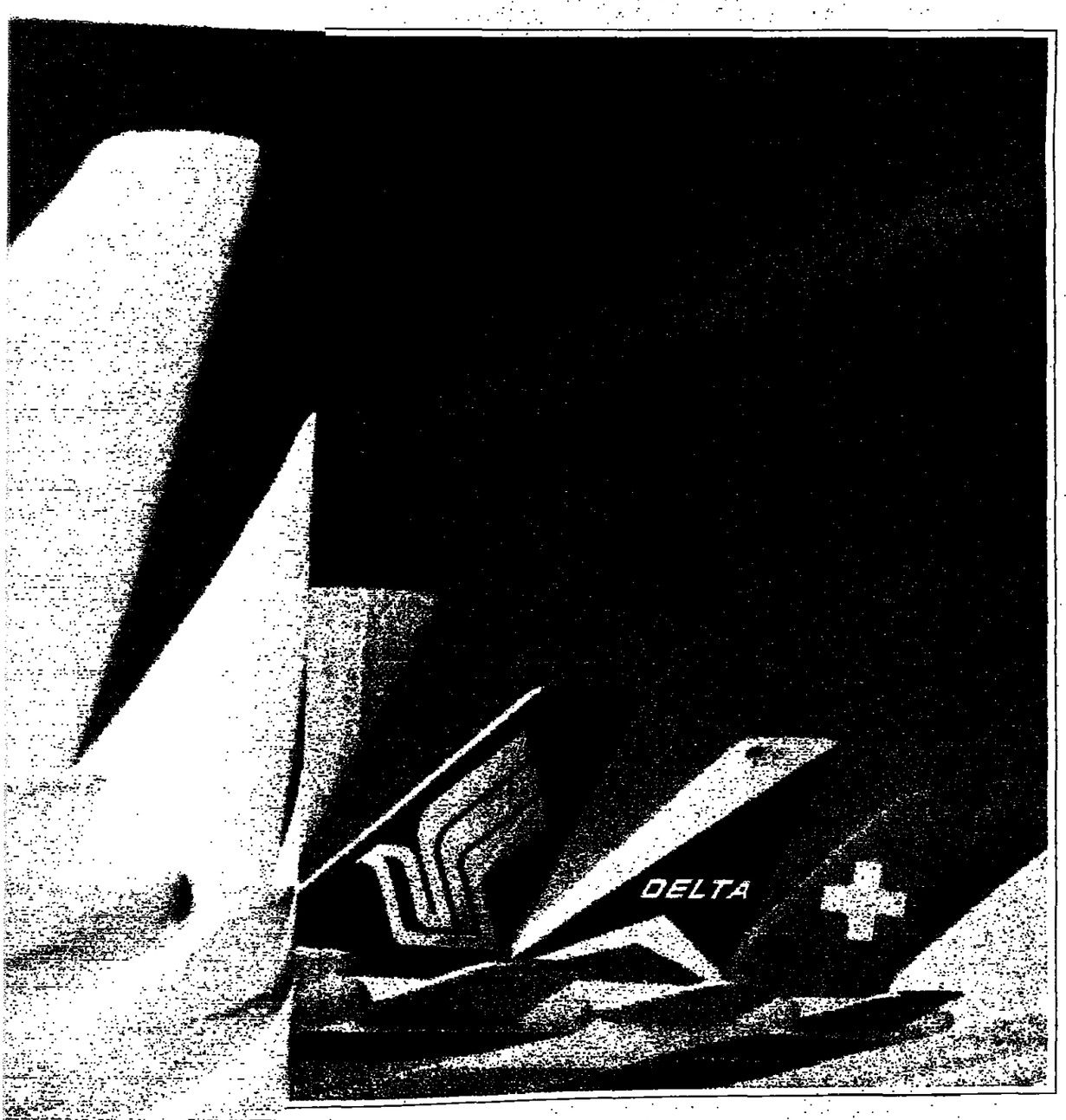
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Aggressive Keating revives Labor hopes of victory

■ Labor's scare tactics over tax changes have opened up the contest. The result could turn on special factors in marginal seats

AUSTRALIAN ELECTION

BY DAVID BUTLER

ONCE again Australians go to the polls tomorrow with taxation uppermost in their minds. The Labor government, facing almost certain dismissal after ten years in office, has been granted a possible stay of execution in the form of elaborate plans for a Goods and Services Tax – in effect VAT – espoused by John Hewson's opposition.

Mr Keating, vulnerable on deficits and unemployment, has taken the offensive, and in a powerful display of negative campaigning has spread enough alarm and confusion to open up the contest.

He embarked on a scare campaign in which he labelled Mr. Hewson "the most extreme and radical right-winger" to contest the prime ministership, saying his policies were based on the discredited ideologies of Thatcherism and Reaganism. Mr Keating emerged a clear winner in the last of three televised debates at the weekend.

The polls two weeks ago were pointing to a comfortable victory for the Hewson coalition. Now, although most surveys show Labor behind, there is no certainty about the result. Two or three per cent separates the parties and special factors in different states and different marginal seats could affect the result.

The 147 seats in the House of Representatives are expected to divide fairly evenly. Labor needs gains in Victoria and New South Wales to offset its almost inevitable losses in South Australia and West Australia.

Two independents, thanks to the preferential voting system, are likely to get in on second preferences from a Liberal or Labor candidate coming in third. However, since one leans to Liberal and one to Labor, they will cancel each other out.

The Liberals' country partners, the Nationals, will hold on to their 14 seats without complicating the basic Liberal-Labor struggle.

The minor parties will get 10 per cent or so of the lower house vote, most of their second preferences will flow on to Labor which thus can win, even if well behind on first preference votes. Moreover, boundary changes mean that Labor can still be victorious if it is behind 49-51 when all the preference votes are counted.

Little attention is being given to the election of half the Senate. Under the single transferable vote system of proportional representation, the six vacancies in each of the six states are bound to divide 3-3 or 3-2 between government and opposition, with one sometimes going to a third party, Green or Democrat or independent.

But there are five Democrats in the half of the Senate not up for re-election and these are bound to go on holding the balance of power. It is expected that, if Mr Hewson's coalition wins, the Senate will frustrate enough of his legislation to give him a constitutional excuse for a dissolution involving the whole of both houses in a year or so.

This might yield a working majority in the Senate and the House. But, as several prime ministers have found, a double dissolution does not always produce the desired outcome.

The lavishly equipped electoral commission will put on a show of electronic wizardry tomorrow night. The polls close over a three-hour period, starting with Tasmania at 5pm Canberra time. Votes will be counted at each polling station and displayed on a gigantic board in the Canberra tally-room; the computers will match each return with the figures from last time to give an instant trend.

A first shot is then given at counting the second preferences, so the outcome should be known very quickly. But Western Australia, with five marginal seats, is three hours behind Tasmania and may keep the politicians on tenterhooks.

Since Australia has compulsory voting, with a fine for abstention, the arrangements for postal voting are elaborate. Ballots can come in to the county for another ten days, and in a really tight race the outcome can be seriously delayed.

This year there is an extra hazard. Because of a candidate's death the outcome in one marginal seat in Queensland will not be known until April 17.

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Campaign strain: a tired opposition leader John Hewson, whose opinion poll lead has shrunk under Labor attack, leaving a Brisbane rally yesterday with his wife Carolyn

Rise in jobless total improves Hewson's chances of power

FROM ROBERT COCKBURN IN SYDNEY

THE election prospects of Paul Keating, the Australian prime minister, were dented yesterday by another record set of unemployment figures showing 1,052,800 people, or 11.1 per cent out of work.

The slight increase was expected – up 0.1 per cent over last month – but the timing could not be worse for Labor so close to tomorrow's federal election.

Australia's ailments are caused as much by world economic conditions as errors at home. Describing unemployment as the "curse of the Nineties", Mr Keating yesterday conceded that he had been wrong to keep interest rates so high for so long. In a traditional pre-election address to the National Press Club in Canberra, he said unemployment was an ugly fact of life but suggested that it had reached its peak.

"All the responsibility that is mine, I will shoulder," Mr Keating said. He condemned the refusal of John Hewson, the opposition leader, to face the club to explain his controversial tax and industrial relations reforms.

At the first violent rally of the campaign, Dr Hewson yesterday told a crowd in Brisbane that unemployment was a national tragedy. He was pelted with eggs, fruit and vegetables, and there were several injuries and arrests.

The government and opposition both accept that Australia's long-term survival depends on participation in the Asia Pacific economic boom.

Australia faces a difficult task in becoming part of a region that still feels alien and offers little respect. Lee Kuan Yew, the senior minister in the Singapore prime minister's office, calls Australians "the poor white trash of Asia". One motive behind Mr Keating's desire for a republic is to end a common Asian misconception that Australia is still a British colony.



Keating: unemployment is curse of the decade

But a Liberal government would change the mood towards Asia. Michael Cook, the ambassador to America, is expected to head the Liberals' foreign affairs department. He favours a closer relationship with Washington.

Any government will face the dilemma of having to accept the region's poor human rights record if it is to do business. The price of entry is starting to cause deep concern as Australia's much-vaunted stand on human rights is sacrificed. The government appeased Indonesia with a weak reaction to its 1991 massacre of demonstrators in East Timor. China was reassured that trade would take precedence over human rights. Labor has paid more than lip service. It is pushing arms exports into the region.

But a Liberal government would also boost arms exports while beefing up Australia's military capacity.

34 die in Cambodia massacre

FROM REUTER IN PHNOM PENH

GUNMEN have massacred at least 34 ethnic Vietnamese civilians, including women and children watching a video show, in an attack on a floating village in northwest Cambodia, the UN said.

The killings near the town of Siem Reap are the worst atrocity since the four rival factions signed a peace agreement in October 1991. UN sources said that Khmer Rouge guerrillas were suspected of making the attack, late on Wednesday night.

"This appalling act is the latest in a series of bloody and murderous assaults by bands of armed men against unarmed civilians, often as they sleep," said a statement by Yasushi Akashi, head of the UN peacekeeping operation in Cambodia.

Eric Falt, spokesman for the UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia, said it had a confirmed death toll of 34, with 29 wounded. The dead included eight children and 14 women. "The body of a baby is missing, believed dead," Mr Falt said. All the dead were ethnic Vietnamese.

Patten gives Peking talks ultimatum

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN HONG KONG

CHRIS Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, has given the Chinese government a final 24 hours to agree to Sino-British talks on the future of the territory or he will go ahead and table his reform package in the colony's Legislative Council today, sources said.

Mr Patten again postponed gazetting his proposals yesterday, first made last October, after the British embassy in Peking received an 11th-hour message from the Chinese government. Although the contents were not disclosed, sources in Hong Kong last night indicated that the two sides were near agreement on the start of talks.

However, in this high-stakes poker game, at which the Chinese have shown themselves to be particularly adept, Mr Patten cannot afford to show weakness. Already yesterday, the leader of Hong Kong's democrats in the Legislative Council said that the governor was being "led by the nose by the Chinese".

Though Government House remained silent on the subject, sources indicated that the postponement was absolutely the last, and that the Chinese side would today have to produce convincing proof of their willingness to proceed with talks.

Yesterday, Martin Lee, the leader of the United Democrats, the leading pro-democracy party in Hong Kong, expressed the weariness of some legislators over the apparent Chinese manipulation of Mr Patten, who has several times postponed tabling the bill.

"I think the Hong Kong people welcome talks because they would like to see a democratic system being agreed between the two governments," said Mr Lee. "But the impression we get, unfortunately, is that the governor is being led by the nose by the Chinese side even before they sit down at the conference table. We are afraid he will continue to be led by the nose after they do sit down. A decision of this kind does not do his image any good," Mr Lee added.

Mr Patten had been expected to tell legislators yesterday that he was gazetting his political blueprint, after the failure of the Peking government to agree to talks. The Chinese have insisted that Hong Kong representatives should not be represented on the British side and that the Legislative Council should have no final say.

Posting the bill would allow the council to consider Mr Patten's proposals for direct elections and expanding the franchise to nearly half of the population in Hong Kong.

Setbacks for Amato

More energy chiefs arrested in Italy

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

OPPOSITION parties resumed their war of nerves on the government of Giuliano Amato yesterday as magistrates arrested three more senior executives of ENI, the state-run energy concern, including the chairman of Agip, its highly regarded oil-producing subsidiary

Umberto Bossi, the fiery leader of the devolutionist Lombardy League, accused Signor Amato of "dictatorial" tendencies at the start of a debate on corruption in the Chamber of Deputies. The debate is expected to end with a confidence vote. The four-party coalition survived another vote of confidence on Wednesday and the administration is expected to try to persevere until a popular referendum on electoral reform is held next month.

A string of ministerial resignations and the constant harassment by the opposition over the bribery affair has seriously hampered the ability of the cabinet to come to grips with pressing economic problems.

In another setback for the government, the constitutional affairs committee yesterday rejected a government decree designed to speed legislation on tightening the rules for tenders on public contracts. Deputies said the legislation was not sufficiently urgent to warrant a decree, which comes into immediate effect but has to be approved by parliament within 60 days.

In Milan, magistrates said they had ordered the arrest of Raffaele Santoro, the chairman of Agip, as part of their enquiries into corruption within ENI. Also arrested were Pio Pigorini, the chairman of Snam, ENI's gas company, and Gianni dell'Orto, the chairman of Saipem, the ENI engineering firm. Both were charged with violating the law on financing of public parties. On Tuesday, Gabriele Cagliari, chairman of ENI, was arrested on charges of corruption and breaking the law on party financing. The arrest of Signor Santoro was a blow to public morale because Agip is regarded as the jewel within the ENI empire.

With its distinctive logo of a terrier dog with six legs, ENI's philosophy was to give Italy an energy structure that would free the country from dependence on big foreign oil companies. It has 131,000 employees and provides 44 per cent of national energy requirements.

The government has pledged to privatise some of Agip and Snam by selling stock in them, either individually or as part of a flotation, but the plan has met with resistance from political appointees holding senior posts within ENI. Ironically, the arrests could make privatisation easier as senior executives with links to political parties are replaced with more independent-minded managers, industry experts said.



Executive order: Pio Pigorini, left, and Raffaele Santoro before their arrests

Days of wine and neuroses for Rome MPs

FROM ANDREA DI ROBILANT IN ROME

A melancholic, end-of-season atmosphere has set in at the Augustea, once a favourite restaurant of Italy's collapsing regime. The *séparés* where cabinet ministers and party leaders held court over starlets and hangers-on are empty. The main dining room is filled with idle waiters.

Last Sunday night, probably following an old habit — dinner at the Augustea on Sundays was always a must — a well-known politician paid a visit to his old haunt. The few seated customers turned to him with such icy looks that the man fumbled with his coat and hat and eventually slipped silently back into the street.

"The nightmare", as some politicians have called it, started a year ago when magistrates began to investigate the colossal system of kickbacks set up by the ruling political parties with the acquiescence of private industrial groups. We now know that for years no public contracts were assigned without a hefty return to the parties' coffers, and often to private bank accounts as well.

The so-called Operation Clean Hands has shaken the foundations of Italy's First Republic and is fuelling a revolution that gathers speed every day and spreads terror among those who have ruled with often impudent self-assurance.

The main source of panic is the dreaded *avviso di garanzia*, a judicial notice that is the first signal of formal investigation. More than 50 MPs have been tainted by it, including some of the most prominent politicians of the last decades. Many more *avvisi* are in the offing as the magistrates daily deliver their list of names.

There is another fear, that of the mounting rage of an increasingly disaffected public. Recently, Gianni De Michelis, the once swashbuckling foreign minister, was chased down the backstreets of Venice by an angry mob. He was able to avoid physical assault only by jumping into a motor boat and speeding off towards the Grand Canal. Many politicians felt a new level of intolerance was reached last week when Giuliano Amato, the prime minister, was booed and hissed during a conference at Bocconi University in Milan.

Some party leaders speak of a conspiracy against them by the judiciary, foreign powers, and even the CIA. This is one conspiracy theory, however, that the Italian public is simply not buying.

According to another cliché doing the rounds, the fall of the regime is generating a spirit of vengeance among the public not unlike that which spread through the country after the fall of Mussolini. When Arzo Carra, the former spokesman of the Christian Democratic party, was dragged in manacles before the court last week, many politicians were quick to protest that "the days of the guillotine are back".

So far, it is mostly a verbal guillotine. Anger and insults spill forth from crowded television talk shows, once tightly controlled by the parties. On the radio, the phone-in brigades start their relentless invectives early in the morning. This is still a living-room revolution: the piazzas are empty, the campuses are calm but the airwaves are crackling.

However, in times when merely walking down the street or visiting well-known restaurants can be a chancy affair for many politicians, one of the few places where they still felt comfortable until a few days ago was the parliament building itself.

Secure behind the thick renaissance walls at Montecitorio and Palazzo Madama, they huddled together or, in the more typical fashion of Italian parliamentarians, took each other by the arm and walked in couples up and down the main foyer that is known as the *transatlantico*, the ocean liner.

Now, as the old liner of Italian politics sinks, nerves are fraying and tempers are heating up inside parliament as well, causing politicians to turn against one another. On Wednesday, a debate in the Senate degenerated into a shouting match, with senators hurling insults at each other, throwing counterfeit banknotes about the chamber, and even grabbing one another by the collar. Signor Amato promised to leave politics for good the day after his government falls, which could happen at any time.



De Michelis: chased by an angry mob

He is not alone in wanting out: until a few weeks ago, many politicians were blocking electoral reform for fear they might not be elected again. But the situation is disintegrating at such speed that many are looking at future elections as the only sure means of escape from a suffocating climate.

Andrea di Robilant is diplomatic correspondent of La Stampa.

Germans prepare for great holiday escape

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN BONN

THE deepening recession has not dulled the German desire to bag all the sunbeds around the pool. According to figures issued by a relieved tourist industry association, Germans are planning to enjoy another record-breaking number of holidays this year, most of them abroad.

However, to the dismay of finance ministry officials, fewer foreign tourists are planning to come to Germany this year than before. The strong mark, fear of racism and the general perception of turbulence in Germany appears to be taking its toll.

Last year some 44.7 million Germans travelled away from their homes for at least five days, 3.2 million more than in 1991. If all breaks and vacations are included, Germans undertook 57.6 million tourist trips, many of them taking second or third holidays in one year. This was an annual rise of almost six million.

The world's most energetic and dedicated globetrotters give no indication of cutting back this year, according to a survey undertaken by a market research institute last December and January, the time when travel catalogues are mailed out by the million.

Most popular destinations this coming season are Spain, Bavaria, Italy, Austria, the north sea resorts of Schleswig-Holstein and France. For the first time, the Baltic coast of Mecklenburg-West Pomerania in former East Germany is also in favour.

The only sign of recession is that slightly more people plan to take their second holiday in Germany, with a corresponding drop in the number of overseas bookings. The figures also conceal the fact that some savings in the more exotic locations have been balanced by an increase in bookings for cheaper short package holidays, made by east Germans who have never before had a chance to visit Paris or Amsterdam.

As before, Europe's motorways will be bumper-to-bumper with German cars. Most people — 54.7 per cent — will still travel to the sunspots by car, although the number taking charter and regular flights has risen to 26 per cent.

With rail travel playing a diminishing role — rail travellers to Austria have fallen from 13.5 to 7.9 per cent — travel agents are finding "relaxation" holidays now sell best in the west, while those promising "discovery" are more popular with east Germans.

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Bosnians accuse Owen and Vance of bullying tactics

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

■ **The Muslim leadership feels aggrieved, but President Izetbegovic will probably return to New York for talks next week**

THE international peace plan for Bosnia-Herzegovina was in deep trouble in Sarajevo yesterday where its architects, Cyrus Vance and Lord Owen, were accused of bullying President Izetbegovic.

As Bosnian leaders met for the second day to discuss the plan, Ejup Ganic, the vice-president, hit out at the peace negotiators, saying they had forced Mr Izetbegovic to give up "too much". Mr Ganic said: "They exhausted him, squeezing him. To some extent it was inhuman."

Bosnia's collective presidency has several objections to the Vance-Owen plan, including the proposed map that divides the country into ten autonomous provinces. Mr Ganic also was scornful of the idea of making the capital an open city. "We have 11,000 graves down here and now those who have been destroying Sarajevo want to come down off the mountain and run the city."

The vice-president said that Mr Izetbegovic would probably return to peace talks in New York next week.

The debates in Sarajevo took place as Mr Vance and Lord Owen met President Milosevic, the Serbian leader, in Paris in an effort to coerce him to force Bosnian Serb leaders to accept the plan, which they also reject.

In eastern Bosnia, General Philippe Morillon, the United Nations military commander, made some progress in getting aid through to besieged Muslim enclaves. Serb forces agreed to let two lorries, converted to carry wounded, through to Konjevic Polje after agreeing that they would only take out injured women and children.

General Morillon said that he would leave doctors behind for the wounded soldiers. However, when the lorries arrived, local officials told the UN that they must evacuate all the wounded or none at all.

According to Sadik Hajdarevic, a local military official reached by radio, overnight shelling by the Serbs of Konjevic Polje was particularly heavy. Thousands were fleeing to neighbouring Srbrenica. Yesterday evening, General Morillon was waiting to take a second convoy through to Srbrenica.

Serb forces have made some progress in recent weeks in their advance on Srbrenica, where up to 30 people are dying every day, according to a doctor from the World Health Organisation. On the Vance-Owen map, all this region of eastern Bosnia has been designated a Muslim-dominated province.

● **Sofia:** Bulgaria and Romania will take joint action to stop and search a convoy of Serbian barges heading down the Danube river towards Ukraine, Bulgarian officials said yesterday.

The four barges loaded with grain will be stopped near Kamadinu island, 12 miles east of the Bulgarian port of Rousse, a foreign ministry spokesman said. "We will use two patrol boats and the Romanians will send three boats for the action."

River traffic authorities in Rousse, 180 miles northeast of Sofia, said any export of grain from Serbia violated United Nations sanctions. "Most probably the corn is destined for Ukraine, and could be even a barter payment for the oil the Serbs received in January," a port official in Rousse said. *(Reuter)*

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Salvage squad: military police in Gorazde examine a pallet of aid, dropped by American planes this week, which was partially destroyed when it landed in a plum orchard used for making slivovice, the local plum brandy. After airdrops to the Srbrenica area, three US planes dropped 21 tonnes of aid on the Zepa area of eastern Bosnia on Wednesday night. It was the eleventh successive night of an airlift from Rhein-Main air base, Frankfurt, which has so far delivered 423 bundles of food weighing 305 tonnes. Russia said yesterday that it would join the operation but would only deliver aid to Serbs in Muslim-held areas. General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb commander, complained the drops had all been directed at Muslim areas. "Not one single pallet was sent to Serb people. We do not need anything but food and clothes. We have heart, courage and the will to defend our country." He did not say when Russia's drops would start. *(Reuter)*

Pressure on Milosevic stepped up

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN PARIS

THE international community turned up the heat on Belgrade yesterday, as President Mitterrand hosted a meeting between his Serbian counterpart, Slobodan Milosevic, and the international mediators Cyrus Vance and Lord Owen.

The meeting underscored the Serbian leader's crucial role in ending the conflict. Lord Owen has said he wants more pressure on Serbia to influence Bosnian Serbs to accept his peace plan. Britain and America have drawn up a "hit list" of extra sanctions against Belgrade to be agreed by the UN Security Council if Bosnian Serbs do not co-operate.

The main sticking point in the UN-sponsored plan is the division of Bosnia-Herzegovina into ten semi-autonomous provinces. The boundaries on the map reduce Serb-held land from about 70 per cent to 40 per cent.

Bosnian Serbs, who have agreed to the proposed state structures and to place all their heavy weaponry under international control, reject the divisions. The Bosnian government, supported almost exclusively by Bosnian muslims, also reject the map.

France has historic and cultural ties with Serbia, and the fact that M Mitterrand hosted yesterday's meeting, which was intended to issue a serious threat to Mr Milosevic, is seen as a sign that time is running out for the Serbs.

Siege drives up suicide in Sarajevo

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN SARAJEVO

SARAJEVO'S suicide rate has risen sharply during nearly a year of siege, primarily among the elderly.

Ismet Ceric, director of the city's main psychiatric clinic, said the official figures may understate the problem because they generally do not include "passive suicides", in which a person stops trying to find food and fuel to stay alive. "The number of these is astonishing," he said.

Police recorded 22 suicides, 20 involving people over 50, between September and December, the last period for which comprehensive figures are available. That extrapolates into an annual total of 66 suicides, compared with about 36 at the prewar level when Bosnia had one of the lowest suicide rates in Europe.

Life is difficult for everyone in Sarajevo, but the elderly, if they have no family with them, face particularly desperate conditions. Many are too weak to forage for fuel or make daily treks to the nearest standpipe to collect water.

Sadija Hadzisehovic, a local psychiatrist, said she feared that the suicide problem could worsen once the war ends. Many people still had the motivation to carry on living, and "the struggle to stay alive preoccupies you.

"But afterwards, problems will come to the fore. For example, some people hoping their missing family members are alive will learn that they are dead."

Old and sick pay price of sanctions

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN BELGRADE

THE old woman shook with cold as she sat hunched over a cardboard box on Terazije, the main shopping street of Belgrade. A few dinar notes fluttered in the box. She kept her face covered, tearful and ashamed that, in the sunset of her years, she must beg to survive.

But with an annual inflation rate of more than 20,000 per cent and the virtual collapse of much of the Yugoslav economy, she and many others on fixed incomes have no choice if they are not to starve.

Belgrade's citizens say the blockade is hitting the elderly, the sick and the poor, while political leaders responsible for the mess remain unscathed. Vera, 60, a stallholder in Belgrade's market, grows vegetables in her garden for sale. "If I didn't have this I would starve to death." Her pension of 30,000 dinars is now worth less than £1.

Yugoslavia's economic crisis began before UN sanctions, with the collapse of communist regimes and markets in Eastern Europe, said Oskar Kovac, economics professor at Belgrade University. "Now Yugoslavia has also lost its market in the Muslim countries because of the Bosnian war and the sanctions are causing the most serious slowdown of the economy.

"Inflation is the price of keeping schools and hospitals functioning by printing money. The question is, how long can it go on?"

Hospitals are struggling. "The medicine we have paid for is stuck at the border for weeks and nobody tells us why," said Dr Spasoje Petkovic, head of gynaecology at Belgrade University Hospital. Medical equipment vital for delivering premature babies such as scanners cannot be used because Western companies have broken maintenance contracts, he added. "We feel tricked and betrayed. Europe should be ashamed."

Other Serbs say the sanctions strengthen President Milosevic's hold on Serbia, with the blockade providing an easy target on which to pin Belgrade's troubles.

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Western powers risk raising Russian expectations too high



Clinton: seeking a summit success

BY PETER RIDDELL
POLITICAL EDITOR

SUDDENLY the tempo of international discussion about Russia has stepped up in the past ten days. All agree that the West should do something to show its support for the reform process, as currently represented by Boris Yeltsin.

So the offices of the Group of Seven leaders have been busily in touch with each other and their top officials, or sherpas, are meeting this weekend in Hong Kong, along with Boris Fyodorov, the Russian deputy prime minister. It is hard to see what will emerge apart from expressions of good intentions.

Viewed from London, the priority has been to engage America's attention as the new administration settles down and contacts develop between Mr Clinton, Warren Christopher, and their G7 counterparts. That has now been partly achieved, initially on Bosnia, where there is a large measure of agreement within Nato; on the Middle East, following Mr Christopher's visit to the region last month; on trade, where discussion has started across the Atlantic, even if a deal is still far off; and now over Russia. There are still gaps in American policy over, for example, the China/Hong Kong and Cyprus problems.

Russia has moved to the top of the G7 agenda as a result of three separate, and coincident, trends. First, and most obviously, have been the public political difficulties of Mr Yeltsin at the Congress of People's Deputies. Second, Chancellor Helmut Kohl was so worried about developments in Moscow during his recent visit that he wrote to other G7 leaders warning of the threat to Mr Yeltsin. Third, the approach of the first summit between Mr Yeltsin and Mr Clinton in Vancouver in just over three weeks' time has concentrated American minds to review their policy.

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American policy towards Russia has been in limbo since last summer, apart from the arms control agreements reached two months just before George Bush left office. Since the beginning of this month an intensified debate has taken place, both privately among G7 officials and publicly in the American media.

The danger is that this heightened activity — and Mr Clinton's desire to make a success of his summit with Mr Yeltsin — will raise expectations too high. This was highlighted by the appeals by Mr Clinton and President Mitterrand on Tuesday that help was needed before the regular annual summit of G7 leaders in Tokyo in July. Japan opposes a full summit of G7 leaders.

Britain has argued against such a high profile meeting which might lead to the kind of disappointments which followed the London and Munich G7 summits of 1991 and 1992. To head off a full-scale summit, all the G7 countries have agreed to the changed agenda of this weekend's discussion by the sherpas, which is likely to be followed by a meeting of foreign and finance ministers before the Vancouver summit.

No magic package is on offer, or likely. The West is already heavily involved financially, via the International Monetary Fund and other international institutions. Talks with the IMF and on rescheduling of debt are well advanced.

The heart of the debate is about the right way for the West to advance the cause of reform. Mr Yeltsin is seen as the best hope of achieving these aims at present, though there is naturally increasing alarm among the G7 about his political vulnerability and therefore a reluctance to tie assistance too closely to him. This growing diffidence is influenced by the view in London and elsewhere that the Bush Administration made its policy towards the then Soviet Union too dependent on personal ties with President Gorbachev and ignored other groups to the embarrassment of its successors.

The second main issue is over the form of support. Many Western officials believe Russia has to take a grip on inflation and control its budget deficit, so unconditional aid would be wasted. However, the deteriorating political and economic situation in Russia has led to renewed calls from, amongst others, former President Nixon, that the West should offer generous assistance in its own interests.

British ministers believe that the debate has changed over the past two years. There is no longer so much talk of large-scale assistance along the lines of the Marshall Plan of the late 1940s or of a stabilisation fund to support the rouble.

Instead, the emphasis is likely to be on reinforcing current IMF and other initiatives and supplying expanded technical assistance on, for example, environmental schemes, civil nuclear power and privatisation.

G7 leaders want to ensure that Mr Clinton can put forward specific proposals in Vancouver. But the main aim will be to underline Western political support for Mr Yeltsin's reformers.

Khasbulatov adapts Yeltsin tactics to his own advantage

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN
IN MOSCOW

■ The Russian power struggle is taking place in a legal vacuum. Only a new constitution could determine the outcome

VALERI Zorkin, the chief of the Russian constitutional court, yesterday called on President Yeltsin and parliament to act in accordance with the constitution or face new elections: but Russia's provisional constitution, a reworking of the Soviet one, does not define where supreme power should lie. The power struggle between Mr Yeltsin and the conservative parliamentary majority is taking place in a legal vacuum.

Under the present constitution, supreme power is held by a ghost. The only one of its many articles that had real meaning was article seven, guaranteeing the supremacy of the Communist Party.

The death of the party has left a gap where executive power ought to be defined and allocated. Under the Soviet constitution, there was no need to delineate the powers of parliament and government because neither was meant to have real power.

As a result, the two forces are struggling for control of the vacuum and, until Russia gains a new constitution, nobody can say which is legally in the right. The deadlock between president and parliament makes it impossible for a new constitution to be drawn up and adopted.

The Congress of People's Deputies gives repeated evidence of how rules are being made and then unmade on the spot. Because it has no established set of rules and conventions, it is holding votes continually to change its procedure; this has been one factor in placing so much power in the hands of Ruslan Khasbulatov, the Speaker, who can call for new votes as often as he likes.

Mr Khasbulatov's role as Speaker is an anomaly inherited from the Soviet constitution — although Mr Yeltsin can hardly complain, since it was by this road that he climbed to his present insecure height. Under Soviet rule, the chairman of the praesidium of the Supreme Soviet was Speaker-in-chief of parliament and titular head of state.

As the Communist party crumbled in 1989-90, Communist leaders in the Soviet republics moved into these posts to remain in power and were joined by leaders of the new national or radical movements. All over the former union, three-way conflicts resulted as parliaments and governments struggled with each other and the new chairmen who, like Mr Yeltsin, were often later elected as presidents. It could be said of Mr Khasbulatov that he is only using the post of Speaker in the same way that Mr Yeltsin used it against President Gorbachev.

From the deadlock that has resulted, there would appear to be only two ways out. One would be a direct appeal to the people, who everybody agrees are the ultimate source of sovereignty, so that they decide which branch of the state should hold executive power.

Such a referendum is Mr Yeltsin's proposal, but it has been vetoed by congress, and it does not seem as if the president is strong enough to push it through without congress's agreement. The constitution offers no clear guide to who has the ultimate say.

The German jurist Carl Schmid has a more practical answer. In his view, whoever has the power to suspend the constitution and declare a state of emergency is the true sovereign. As Mr Yeltsin is driven into a corner, the question whether he is strong enough to take this path is becoming crucial.

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Raisa ill

Moscow: Raisa Gorbachev has apparently suffered a second stroke. Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet leader, who is spending hours at her hospital bedside, said his wife could not speak properly or control movements. She was said to have suffered a minor stroke while held captive in the attempted 1991 coup.



Mixed metaphor: a woman holds the flag of the former Soviet Russian republic and a painting of the Madonna as she pickets deputies in Moscow yesterday

Deadbeats shuffle down memory lane

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

HUDDLED together in the Congress coffee bar were the Deputy Who Was and the Deputy Who Isn't. Viktor Alensov, erstwhile member of the old Supreme Soviet, was sporting a hammer-and-sickle badge saying "USSR" in his lapel.

Never mind if that parliament was dissolved after the attempted coup of August 1991 and this happens to be the Congress of the Russian Federation; never mind that he has as much right as any other hungry Russian to be tucking in to a subsidised lunch in the Kremlin (i.e. none), Mr Alensov is one of the flotsam and jetsam who turn up for congress because they always have.

His neighbour, the ultra-right xenophobe Vladimir Zhironovsky isn't a deputy either, but this technicality does not deter him from sauntering up and down the briefing room sharing his thoughts on the iniquities of the West, Jews, foreigners and democracy with anyone who will listen. The communist and proto-fascist agreed that the Soviet Union's demise had been the result of imperialist attempts to undermine Russia as a great power. They meandered down memory lane in cosy unison.

A long day in congress has one wondering whether the Kremlin palace is not a bombastically disguised "Tardis" transporting those who enter back to the USSR. The very smell of the place is Soviet. The speeches are endless, boring and usually irrelevant.

The male deputies still wear brown suits with kipper ties (no need for a 1970s fashion revival here — we never left that decade) while

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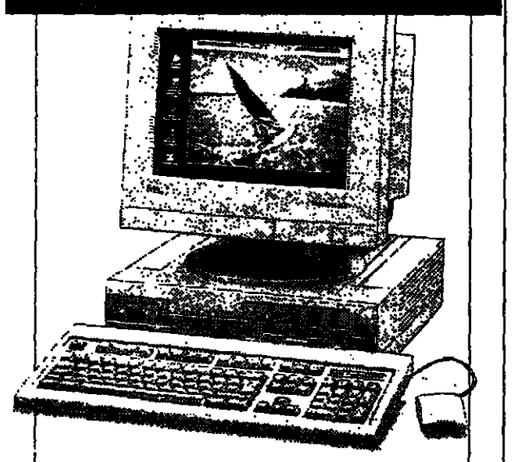
the women are big-bosomed and peroxide blonde with platform boots beneath purple crimplene skirts.

The Speaker, Ruslan Khasbulatov whose show this really is, was on fine consistency-busting form, dismissing the compromise agreement he made with President Yeltsin in December as "the devil's work". Manipulative, paranoid, egotistical and destructive, Mr Khasbulatov is fascinating in comparison with the deadbeats around him. Despite being launched to prominence by the founding of the Russian parliament, Mr Khasbulatov is bemoaning the demise of the Soviet Union — a step he once supported. The idea of presiding over an even more unwieldy legislature and holding to ransom an even bigger country is clearly irresistible.

"We all make mistakes," he said of the Soviet Union's graceless demise. "I think that it is time to discuss reviewing that decision in a democratic manner."



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'Pro-life' supporter guns down US doctor

BY BEN MACINTYRE

MICHAEL Griffin was shouting "don't kill any more babies" in a crowd of anti-abortion protesters outside a Florida clinic, minutes before he calmly walked up to a doctor and killed him.

Doctor David Gunn, 47, died after being shot four times in the chest as he climbed from his car, becoming the first abortion doctor to be killed in the course of a "pro-life" protest, and the latest victim in a growing wave of violence against abortion clinics across America.

The demonstration outside the newly-opened Pensacola Women's Medical Services Clinic on Wednesday was organised by Rescue America, an anti-abortion group. Mr Griffin, 31, a member of the group and a father of two, surrendered to police immediately after the attack. "He just went off the deep end," said John Burt, who had organised the protest.

While describing the killing as "unfortunate", Rescue America pointedly failed to condemn Mr Griffin. "It's also true that quite a number of babies' lives will be saved," said Don Treshman, the national director of the group, who added that a fund was being set up to support Mr Griffin's family.

Operation Rescue, however, America's largest anti-abortion group, denounced the killing and said it was opposed to the taking of life in any form. Abortion rights supporters said the killing was an example of the harassment and violence faced by doctors who perform abortions.

America's ambassadors

Aristocrat Harriman heads for Paris

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton has chosen Pamela Harriman, the English-born aristocrat and top Democrat fundraiser, as his ambassador to Paris, and Jean Kennedy Smith, sister of the late President Kennedy, as ambassador to Dublin, according to several reports here yesterday.

The fate of Ray Seitz, the popular career diplomat whom President Bush sent to London, is still unknown. A possible threat to Mr Seitz is Stuart Eizenstat, President Carter's domestic policy adviser who assisted Mr Clinton last year and is said to be in line for a European post.

Mr Clinton has also reportedly made his choice of envoys for other key embassies. Richard Holbrooke, a Carter administration official who advised Mr Clinton on Asia during the election campaign, is earmarked for Japan, and Stephen Solarz, the former New York congressman, for either India or Israel.

Mrs Harriman, 72, is the daughter of the 11th Earl of Digby, daughter-in-law of Winston Churchill and mother of the present Winston Churchill, an MP. In 1971, she married the immensely wealthy Averell Harriman, the grand old man of Washington's Democrats, whom she had met when he was an emissary to Churchill during the second world war.

Her verve and money helped revive the Democrats after their crushing presidential and Senate losses in 1980, and she was one of the first to spot Mr Clinton's talent, even though he had just lost the Arkansas governorship. They have been close ever since, and her appointment to Paris would take her back to a city where, after the war and her divorce from Randolph Churchill, she was the darling of French intellectuals.

Mrs Smith's appointment to Dublin could be announced next Wednesday, St Patrick's day, when Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister, meets Mr Clinton in Washington. Her brother Edward, the Massachusetts senator whose support Mr Clinton needs for his domestic programmes, is said to have lobbied hard on her behalf. She is 65 and runs an organisation that involves the disabled in the arts. She suffered unwelcome media attention in 1991 when one of her four children, William, was tried and acquitted of rape in Palm Beach, Florida.

Mrs Smith's great-grandparents emigrated from Ireland to found America's best-known political dynasty. Some members of the family have expressed support for Irish republicanism, but Mrs Smith's views are unknown. Her father was ambassador to Britain at the outbreak of the second world war but was not a popular figure.

The appointment of a Kennedy would probably please the Irish. However, Mrs Smith's lack of diplomatic experience would run counter to the assertion of Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, last month that "recommendations for ambassadorships will be based upon qualifications that extend beyond campaign participation and will require some real expertise with respect to the appointment."



Seitz may be relieved of his London posting

Clinton offers $20bn bases deal

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

WITH Les Aspin, the American defence secretary, due to announce the closure of several military bases this morning, President Clinton sought to limit the political damage in key states yesterday by announcing a $20 billion (£14 billion), five-year plan to assist workers and communities hit by post-Cold war cutbacks.

Mr Clinton's defence conversion plan will help finance the retraining of those thrown out of work and the development by defence contractors of products and technologies with civilian as well as military applications. The White House said the plan would "minimise the amount of dislocation", but several congressmen said they doubted it would prove more than a "salve for the wound". Mr Aspin is expected to recommend the closure of 30 large domestic bases and the consolidation of 150 smaller installations out of a total of 481. These would represent the most drastic phase of the retrenchment yet, and Mr Aspin has said that further closures, including more in Europe, will be necessary. The administration aims to cut an additional $123 billion from defence spending over the next five years, cutting troop levels from nearly two million to 1.2 million.

The hardest-hit state would be California, which is already in serious economic trouble. It is expected to lose nine bases in what Peter Wilson, the Republican governor, calls a "man-made disaster". The closures would cost the state an estimated 328,000 jobs.

California's Republicans and Democrats have joined in furious lobbying of Mr Clinton and Mr Aspin this week, but apparently without success. Willie Brown, Democratic speaker of the state legislature, said the closures would "adversely affect California in such a way that Californians would not forget it short-term or long-term".

Mr Aspin's list is also said to include the hurricane-damaged Homestead air force base in Florida which Mr Clinton promised to keep open during last year's election campaign.

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Police trace UK bank link to blast suspects

FROM JAMES BONE
IN NEW YORK

A BRITISH bank may have been used to channel money from an international terrorist group to the two men charged in New York with bombing the World Trade Centre.

Investigators said that at least $8,000 (£5,600) had been transferred by wire from Europe in recent months into a joint account held by the two suspects and other unidentified people at a National Westminster Bank branch in New Jersey, close to the fundamentalist mosque where one of the suspects worshipped.

Officials hope the money trail will lead them to the mastermind of the attack on the 110-storey twin towers on February 26 in which at least five people died and more than 1,000 were injured.

New York's *News Day* reported yesterday that investigators had established a link between the prime suspect in the case, Mohammed Salameh, and a Muslim fundamentalist terrorist organisation in the Middle East. Mr Salameh, 25, a Palestinian who was arrested last week after trying to recover a $400 deposit on the rental van used in the bombing, reportedly withdrew money from the bank before the blast, leading police to believe the attack was funded from abroad.

☐ **San Francisco:** Bank-America is to open an office in Hanoi, the first US bank to enter Vietnam since 1975. A spokesman said that the bank expected to begin operations within a few weeks. The Hanoi government has given its approval. *(AP)*

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Mubarak threatens action if Iran opens naval base in Sudan

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

■ **Egypt is determined to keep Iran out of Sudan. It is already fearful of the growing fundamentalist influence in its backyard**

PRESIDENT Mubarak, the West's main Arab ally, has threatened that Egypt will attack Iranian warships if they attempt to establish a new base in Sudan, which is rapidly becoming a strict Islamic state.

The threat was made public in Egypt's semi-official press yesterday. It was followed by an Iranian attack over Tehran radio accusing Egypt of waging a "criminal and inhuman war against Islam" because of this week's crackdown in which 14 Muslim militants were shot dead and many more wounded by security forces.

An Iranian base halfway up the Red Sea at Port Sudan would be Tehran's first outside its own territory and would give it a naval presence in the Middle East's second seaway, only 800 miles south of the Suez canal.

Mr Mubarak's warning followed a recent claim by Robert Gates, former head of the CIA, that Iran is behind the upsurge of Islamic terrorism in Egypt. Last year Egypt accused Iran of backing the Islamic extremists, whose campaign has now turned against tourists.

"I heard lately reports about bringing Iranian naval units to be stationed at Port Sudan," the Egyptian leader told a closed meeting of officials on Wednesday. "I have sent them a warning against any such action, because it has a direct bearing on Egyptian security."

Mr Mubarak did not say whether he had warned Sudan, Iran or both of them, but said that his message was: "I will not be lax in dealing with any threat to that security. I said that I will hit the warships immediately."

The president gave no source for his information on Iranian plans, but there was speculation it may have been forwarded by US intelligence. Last year he pledged to aid Arab states in the Gulf region militarily in the event of Iranian attack. Tehran has been improving its arsenal and flexing its muscles with a number of territorial claims.

The warning came at a time of worsening relations between Egypt and both Iran and Sudan. Sudan has been accused of becoming an Iranian proxy in exchange for financial assistance to overcome its crippling poverty. Both Egypt and America are convinced that hardline Islamic terrorist groups now have bases there where men are trained to destabilise moderate Arab regimes.

Egypt has always regarded Sudan as a strategic backyard, wary of any development there that could jeopardise its security. More than four million Sudanese live in Egypt and in 1990 Mr Mubarak said if Iraqi Scud missiles were based there, Egypt would "hit them within 24 hours".

Kamal Shehadi, a Lebanese Arabist with the London-based International Institute of Strategic Studies, said yesterday that basing ships at Port Sudan "would be consistent with Iran's policy of close military co-operation with Sudan". He added that any such move "would be an escalation in the conflict between Egypt and Iran directly (rather than) through proxies such as extremist groups and Sudan".

According to the institute's 1992-93 edition of "the military balance", Iran's navy consists of three destroyers, five frigates, 33 patrol and coastal units, including ten missile craft, and 14 support vessels. Iran has recently received a Russian-built Kilo-class submarine, which has caused widespread consternation among Gulf Arab states, and has two others on order.

Tehran radio said: "It is very regrettable that Islam ... has become a victim of organised state terrorism in Egypt, where more than 95 per cent of people are Muslim, and that no voice of protest is raised against such shocking crimes."



Burden of grief: hands support the coffin at the Cairo funeral yesterday of one of five policemen killed in raids on Muslim extremists

Amputation penalty on pirates

Abu Dhabi: A court in the United Arab Emirates, considered among the most liberal of the Gulf States, has ordered two men convicted of piracy each to have an arm and a leg amputated for boarding a freighter in 1989 and making off with $3 million in cargo (Tom Rhodes writes).

The two, a UAE national and a Pakistani, were sentenced in Fujairah, on the Gulf of Oman, which operates Sharia (Islamic law). But serious offences normally carry a prison sentence or deportation from the UAE.

Power plot

Johannesburg: Lieutenant General Joffel van der Westhuizen, South Africa's head of military intelligence, already accused of ordering the murder of black militants, has been accused of being involved in an alleged plot to create an independent Xhosa power bloc in the Eastern Cape.

Waste disposal

Bucharest: The German government began an operation to retrieve 425 tonnes of German toxic waste dumped in Romania, after ground water at dump sites had been heavily polluted. *(Reuter)*

Hostages freed

San José: Two hostages were freed from the Nicaraguan embassy in Costa Rica after four days. Twenty are still inside. The assailants demand the sacking of General Humberto Ortega, head of the Nicaraguan army. *AFP)*

Health decline

Washington: American children were more likely to be born at risk of death, disability or chronic problems in 1990 than a decade earlier, according to the Children's Defence Fund. *(AP)*

Arabs to insist on deportees solution

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

ARABS' role in the Middle East peace process will be decided at a meeting of all Arab participants in Damascus after the Islamic holy month of Ramadan ends on March 24.

The Palestinians have already announced a potential boycott of the talks in protest over the situation of the Palestinian deportees in Lebanon, but Syria, Lebanon and Jordan have so far reserved judgment. Farouk al-Sharaa, the Syrian foreign minister, said in Cairo that the crisis over Israel's expulsion of 415 Palestinians must be resolved if the new talks proposed for Washington on April 20 are to start again in the right atmosphere.

American and other Western officials remain confident that a compromise diplomatic formula may still be found, although the Palestine Liberation Organisation has announced a boycott of both bilateral and multilateral talks until it is.

Mr al-Sharaa's statement was a further sign that Arab states, while eager to resume the peace process, were determined at least to secure further progress over the deportees in order to save the Palestinians' dignity. Yossi Beilin, the Israeli deputy foreign minister, said after meeting Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, in London yesterday that it would be "childish" for Israel to make a gesture to the Palestinians by promising an end to the policy of deportations.

Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, last night set off for Washington to try to enlist American assistance to revive the peace process. He holds his first meeting today with Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, before meeting President Clinton at the White House on Monday.

Backing for Rushdie bewilders Tehran

BY DAVID WATTS

TEHRAN is mystified by the new high-profile British government support for Salman Rushdie, just at a time when the case seemed on the verge of solution, according to Hassan Ruhani, secretary-general of the Iranian National Security Council.

Whenever Iran has appeared to be about to establish better relations with the West there has been an "explosion" from the Western side, Mr Ruhani said. He was puzzled why a well-publicised meeting with Douglas Hogg, the Foreign Office minister, had come when the *fatwa* against Mr Rushdie had virtually become frozen. He denied that his government had been behind the religious ruling.

Mr Ruhani, who was educated partly in Britain, was on a private visit for medical treatment and had no plans to meet government officials. In an extended exchange with journalists and MPs over a typically Persian feast at the Iranian embassy, he said that one reason for the continued tension with the West was the latter's concern over the emergence of a powerful, competing culture.

Despite what he called the "theatre of tension" created by the United States, there was no sign that the US was contemplating military action against Tehran; the inadvisability of that had been learnt from the war against Iraq. It was, he said, pleasant to be in London where not every bomb going off was blamed on Iran.

He outlined the gestures made by Tehran to improve relations, starting with its refraining from involvement in the Gulf war; its restraint from involvement in Afghanistan; and its hosting of what he said were three million refugees from that country.

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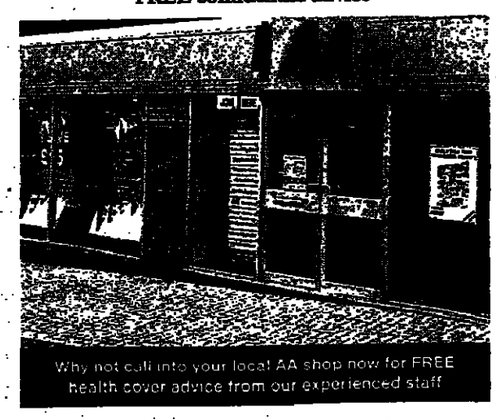
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Life alone for a silent twin

How will the survivor of Britain's most mysterious sisters cope?

Marjorie Wallace was the only adult who ever came really close to the so-called silent twins, Jennifer and June Gibbons. They spoke to her and trusted her through their teenage years, and during their time in Broadmoor, where they were sent at the ages of 19 for an indefinite period following an arson and vandalism spree. The sudden death of Jennifer on Tuesday night, aged 29, has come as a "real blow and a wrench" to the woman in whom she had confided her most secret thoughts and feelings.

When the identical twins, who were described by psychiatrists as elective mutes, were transferred from Broadmoor to a secure unit in Bridgend, south Wales, on Tuesday, Jennifer was unwell on arrival and was transferred to a nearby hospital. She died at 6.30 that night. The cause of death is unknown and an inquest will be held.

Ms Wallace, who co-founded the charity Sane (Schizophrenia, A National Emergency) and is now its chief executive, won a string of awards in the eighties for her campaigning journalism for *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* and was the first to reveal the strange story of the twins she met in Wales in 1982. She became fascinated by the girls' synchronised actions, their private twittering language, and their all-consuming obsession with each other. From an early age they had refused to speak to their parents or any other adults.

The twins were always able to speak, but opted not to, instead writing all of their thoughts in diaries, poems and novels which Ms Wallace sifted through and used as the basis of her book *The Silent Twins*, published in 1986. During their time at Broadmoor they became more animated, spoke a lot more and enjoyed discos and the company of boyfriends.

"So many things about the twins were eerie," explains Ms Wallace, who last visited them in Broadmoor 11 days ago. "I rang them on Tuesday night at 6.30 just to arrange a visit and talked to their doctor. I learnt four hours later that was the exact time Jennifer had died. I'm devastated by the news, it came out of the blue. She was looking very thin, but assured me she was eating."

Ms Wallace finds it difficult not to talk about June without referring to Jennifer and often refers to their actions and behaviour as if they were one person: "I never called them 'the twins', they didn't like that, but it was always the two of them. For June it will be like losing part of herself. I'm not sure how she will react. She could find it intolerable or live for both of them. It is immensely sad. They were both so looking forward to their new life in Wales and saw it as a new beginning, the promised land which would give them freedom. They often spoke of the chance to live before they were old."

That the twins talked to Ms Wallace is, she believes, simply explained: "I had gone to their home and been given sackfuls of their writings and I had gone to the trouble of putting it all together. They were fascinated about the idea of a book being written about them, and books in general. They wanted to be famous and to be heard; they wanted the world to take notice, not to live in silence forever. They knew I knew everything about them and began to give me all of their diaries."

The twins' puzzling and contradictory relationship was captured by Ms Wallace who wrote in 1986: "They emerge through these diaries as two human beings who love and hate each other with such intensity that they can neither live together nor apart. Like twin stars they are caught in the gravitational field between them, doomed to spin around them forever."

In their earlier life the twins always believed one should be sacrificed for the other to live. "But these feelings subsided over recent years," Ms Wallace says. "The difference in their behaviour from when I first met them was amazing. They were communicating, speaking, although still with an impediment. They had such a strong bond between each other and they were opening up a great deal. When I last saw them they were giggling like teenagers and were very excited."

The lesson of the twins, she feels, is never to dismiss people: "Everyone thought they were dull, wooden and aggressive. But there was a tenderness and a lyricism. All of their qualities were buried. If you really listen to them, you hear this inner dignity."

KATE ALDERSON



Seeing double: Marjorie Wallace with the Gibbons sisters

Mr Clinton is still at odds with the military twenty five years after a massacre helped turn his generation against war



Nightmare remembered: the film *Platoon* symbolised the revulsion of a generation who Bill Clinton said found themselves "loving their country but loathing the military"

My Lai to the White House

Twenty-five years ago next Tuesday, early on a steamy South Vietnamese morning, the men of C company, 1st battalion, 11 Infantry Brigade landed in helicopters on a soggy rice field just west of the hamlet of My Lai.

Intelligence reports indicated that My Lai was a Vietcong base. During weeks on patrol the American soldiers had seen colleagues killed by snipers, mines and booby traps but rarely glimpsed the enemy. They wanted revenge, and when all they found in My Lai were innocent civilians, they killed them anyway.

Between 300 and 500 people died, mostly old men, women and children, some as young as two. As many as 150 were herded into a ditch and executed. Others were shot as they prayed outside a temple. A few of the women were raped. The village was burned.

News of the My Lai massacre did not surface until mid-November 1969, 20 months after the event. Bill Clinton was by then a 23-year-old Rhodes scholar studying at Oxford. It was an atrocity that cemented the opposition of so many of his generation to the Vietnam war.

On December 3, the future president sent his now-famous letter to a reserve officer recruiter with the Training Corps in Arkansas, explaining in detail why he had sought to avoid the draft. He hoped, he wrote, that his story would "help you to understand more clearly how so many fine people have come to find themselves still loving their country but loathing the military".

The US military has changed out of all recognition since Vietnam, but those words still incensed many servicemen and veterans when the letter was published during last year's election campaign.

This morning Mr Clinton flies by helicopter from the White House to the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt off the Virginia coast to inspect the ship and meet the crew. It will be his first official visit as president to any military installation. The purpose is clear. He is launching a charm offensive to try to erode the military's distrust of its new commander-in-chief — and not before time. No new president in recent memory has aroused such antagonism in the Pentagon.

It is not just that letter, or Mr Clinton's draft record, or the fact that he is the first president since Harry Truman never to have worn a uniform, though none of those have helped. The military's dislike of the new administration has, if anything, grown since Mr Clinton's inauguration to the extent that the American press is now gleefully chronicling some of the wilder rumours swirling around the Pentagon.

These assert that Chelsea Clinton (the president's daughter) refused to have a uniformed officer escort her to school; that military personnel are to be barred from wearing uniforms in the White House; that Mr Clinton — like Jimmy Carter — does not want "Hail to the Chief" played when he enters rooms; and that the military aide who carries the nuclear "football" should wear civilian dress. The only true story, apparently, is that when a certain general, visiting the White House, tried to exchange pleasantries with an assistant in the West Wing, she curtly informed him she did not speak to men in uniform.

White House aides deny any lingering anti-militarism in or around the Oval Office. They attribute such rumours to defence officials bent on embarrassing Mr Clinton because they do not like his policies, and it is certainly the case that the new president has taken some very unpopular decisions.

He is determined to end the ban on homosexuals in the services, even though the service chiefs are united in their opposition and one recent poll showed 74 per cent of enlisted personnel also disliked the idea. His new economic plan will inflict deeper cuts on the Pentagon than any other government department — $123 billion (£86 billion) over five years. Les Aspin, his defence secretary, will today announce a new round of base closures and the number of active service personnel is to be reduced by 200,000 — below the baseline set by Colin Powell, the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff.



Mr Clinton with ceremonial guard

Moreover, Mr Clinton, unlike George Bush, does not accept without question his generals' advice on operational matters and clearly allows political factors to influence his decisions.

Colonel David Hackworth, America's most decorated living serviceman, has compared Mr Clinton's high-altitude airdrop over Bosnia with "feeding a herd of cows with an eyedropper". The White House, he added contemptuously, was filled with "draft dodgers from the president down" who were telling the military what to do but "don't know what they're talking about".

A spokesman for John McCain, a Republican senator from Arizona who spent more than five years in a Vietnam PoW camp, said: "The word that Senator McCain gets is that around the Pentagon there is a growing view that there is not anyone in the White House who appreciates the sacrifice the men and women of the uniformed services have made and are willing to make. Yet the White House is more than willing to call on them to perform these messy and dangerous tasks [Somalia and Bosnia]." Senator McCain believes that the "morale problem" within the Pentagon will deteriorate because of the lack of anyone with military knowledge at the White House.

And an anonymous senate aide familiar with defence matters said: "It is apparent there's a culture down there [in the White House] that is not comfortable with people who have taken up arms in defence of this country."

The *New York Times* recently reported that General Powell wanted to step down a little before his term officially ends this autumn, in part because of policy disagreements with the White House. General Powell publicly denied this, but he knows as well as anyone how to use the media.

Mr Bush was a pilot in the second world war, but the view within the Pentagon is that Mr Clinton has no understanding of military culture. A couple of weeks ago there was a trivial but revealing incident, when he was saluted by a Marine guard as he was boarding the presidential helicopter. An alert television cameraman caught Mr Clinton starting to return the salute, hesitating, and then lowering his arm as if uncertain what to do.

Since then the president has developed a crisp salute, and has begun resting his hand solemnly over his heart in military fashion whenever the national anthem is played.

Thomas "Mack" McLarty, the White House chief of staff, has said that the idea Mr Clinton is hostile to the armed services is a "misperception" and "not a legitimate reflection of his feelings". And to an extent any president bent on deficit reduction is bound to upset a military establishment that has enjoyed 12 years of generous budgets and honoured status under successive Republican administrations.

But at the same time Mr Clinton, the master of the political gesture, had before today conspicuously failed to make any of the requisite nods towards the armed services.

The band of the all-male Virginia Military Institute was not invited, as it customarily is, to participate in his inaugural parade. Mr Clinton has yet to visit the Pentagon. Most strikingly, for a man who went to extraordinary lengths to ensure women, blacks and Hispanics were represented in his cabinet, he has failed to appoint a military figure to any prominent position in his administration.

Ronald Reagan had General Powell as his national security adviser and George Bush had General Brent Scowcroft, but Anthony Lake, Mr Clinton's adviser, never served in the military. Vice-president Al Gore opposed the Vietnam war, but went as a military journalist to spare his father, a senator, embarrassment. Mr Aspin was a military analyst in Vietnam in 1965 but was subsequently elected to Congress on an anti-war platform and made his name as a scourge of Pentagon waste. Lloyd Bentsen is the only member of the Clinton cabinet with a distinguished war record.

Earlier administrations were peopled by those who had fought in the second world war or been raised to revere the military. This is an administration of baby-boomers whose convictions were forged more by Vietnam. They have no natural empathy for those in uniform and consequently more than the Potomac river now divides the White House from the Pentagon.

A new series of guides for women travellers provide a novel perspective on some of the world's most popular tourist sites

Women book place in the sun

The "desires and needs" of women travellers might be nearer being satisfied by a new launch this week. "Most guide books are written in a very cavalier, masculine manner," says Ros Bedford, the series editor of *Virago's Woman's Travel Guides*.

The first three in the series deal with Rome, Paris and New York, and recommend what they think today's woman traveller would most like to know. Thus, the guide to New York will tell you about Billie Holliday and where to get eye tucks; the guide to Paris focuses on Jeanne Moreau and Josephine Bonaparte; and the guide to Rome yields the startling information that Michelangelo's Adam, on the Sistine ceiling, wields a penis delineated by only two brush-strokes.

Indeed, when comparing the information in the Virago guide to that in a counterpart, the distinction becomes clear. The American Express guide to *Rome*, fourth edition (by Anthony Pereira and Nick Skidmore), has a small section devoted to women (two pages listing designer clothes shops), and nothing at all about Adam's brush-work. Whereas, armed with the Virago guide, you could visit the *Al Tempo Ritrovato* (Rome's only women's bookshop), find out about the true history of Cleopatra, or get annoyed in the Sistine Chapel by registering Michelangelo's depiction of the serpent as a woman.

Even for well-seasoned visitors, the Virago guide would probably make a surprising read. As far as the American Express guide is concerned, Roman history starts with the she-wolf and Romulus and Remus, and proceeds to canter contentedly through various Punic wars, to Trajan, Marcus Aurelius, and through to Pope John Paul II.

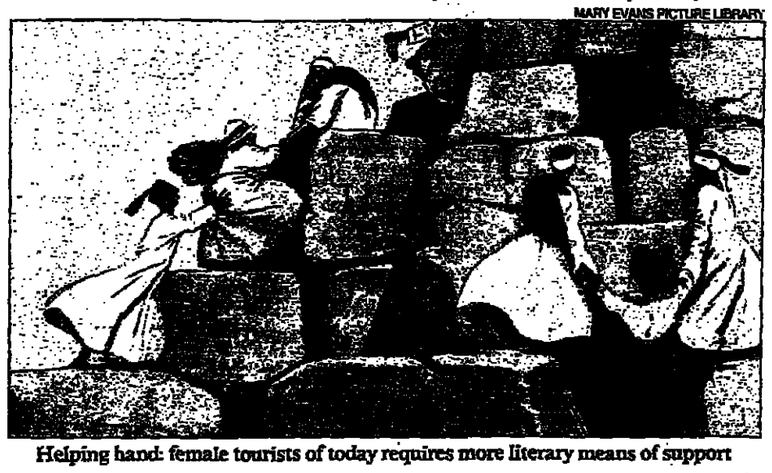
Virago, on the other hand, has Rome beginning with "rape, fratricide and attempted infanticide", before R & R even make an entrance. It continues with the histories of Octavia, Livia and Julia ("the imperial women") and works up to recent Roman citizens such as Elizabeth Barrett Browning and George Eliot.

Scattered around the history of the city and its famous (female) saints are inserted boxes of vaguely appropriate information: alongside a description of the Santa Maria sopra Minerva is a ghoulish precis of "St Catherine of Siena and Holy Anorexia" (from which condition she apparently died).

Feminism in Rome is gone into in some depth, including details on rape legislation, and the women's organisations are faithfully listed. Ms Belford claims the guide was written "with women like my mother and grandmother in mind", though it is doubtful whether they would make a bee-line for the Centro Femministra Separatista, a meeting place for feminists and lesbian groups, but at least it's nice to know it's there.

One element of the Virago guide which gives invaluable advice for any woman traveller in Rome is the part which deals with countering harassment from Italian men. The American Express guide terms this as "an age-old tradition . . . such attentions are generally playful and easily ignored". Virago meanwhile pulls no punches: there is an entire chapter emblazoned "Sexual harassment". If inappropriately fondled on a bus, turn to page 24 of your guide, shout the trenchant phrase recommended, elbow the culprit in the ribcage and depart with dignity, bearing your guide before you.

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Helping hand: female tourists of today requires more literary means of support

It is important to forewarn women about sexual harassment," Ms Belford says. Therefore, the vocabulary list, traditional in guide books, as well as containing the usual "*Dov'e la fermata?*" — Where is the bus stop? — carries excellent ammunition to be used against the unwanted Latin lover, from "Lasciami in pace, per favore" (Leave me in peace, please), to some more colloquial and emphatic alternatives. A brief comparison with American Express's forays into Roman confrontation, which peaks at "*Non ho ordinato questo*" (I did not order this). One begins to understand the point.

Rome, from a Virago point of view, begins to open out. Through the guide, you can discover that the magazine *L'Espresso* contained 91 pairs of naked breasts in the first half of 1992; you can find the whereabouts of lesbian nightclubs; and in the glossary, you can learn that a "freedwoman" meant a liberated slave-woman — there's no mention of what a liberated slave-man was called.

But is all this necessary? Admittedly, the guide contains useful points for female travellers, such as the addresses of women-only hotels, and where to buy good cheap shoes. But to reach all that, one has to wade through an awful lot of abused women, Etruscan customs on married women (4 BC), senatorial attitudes to women (195 BC), Jesuit attitudes to women, women and the catholic church, the virgin birth, pregnancy tests, St Cecilia and the rest. Chances are, faced with all this, that most women might might be happy to turn to the American Express guide, page 196, on the "aperitivo", and slope off for one, tossing a quick "*Lasciami in pace, per favore*" over their shoulder.

ROSIE MILLARD

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The moral revulsion against Hollywood

Critic Michael Medved believes that film-goers are starting to become sick of the relentless diet of violence



MICHAEL POWELL

On cue: Michael Medved is not persuaded by the argument that films reflect society. 71 per cent of speaking parts are for men, he says, but the world is not 71 per cent male

Let's take the children to a film this weekend. What's on locally? *Reservoir Dogs, Man Bites Dog, Romper Stomper, Henry, Portrait of a Serial Killer*... while Mike Newell's delightful *Into The West* — a thrilling adventure of two small boys and a horse — is nowhere to be seen. *Plus ça change*. For years, mothers have been saying exactly what Michael Medved's new book *Hollywood vs America* says. But mothers have no clout.

Well, Medved — father of three and a film critic — has now said it, and he has not *only clout but* impeccable timing. He says it is "just wonderful" that Anthony Hopkins, Michael Caine and co have taken a stand against the glorifying of amorality and ugly violence in contemporary cinema. Yes, it's wonderful. It's terrific. Where have they been all their lives?

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW



Medved is a Yale historian with a Zapata moustache and the smile of a lucky author who has written the right book at the right time. He arrived in London this week for last night's *Sunday Times* debate (with Michael Winner, David Putnam, and Josephine Hart) armed with new evidence that Hollywood has been shooting itself in the foot. Cinema attendance in America is at its lowest level for 16 years, and video rentals are down too.

"Never before have we had 40 per cent of the population saying they never go to the movies at all. Ask why, and it's about the values in the films. The film-makers have disconnected with a huge section of their potential audience. No longer can Hollywood excuse violent movies by saying they are popular."

This is "the kicker" for Medved: symptomatic of the 'stupidity, the radical dysfunction" of Hollywood. Since 1983, PG films have consistently done better than R-rated (our 18) films. And yet 60 per cent of films get the adult rating, and less than two per cent get a children's rating — "and they are the most profitable: you have to make an incredibly bad G movie not to make money.

"Look, people are predisposed to *love* the movies. They are disillusioned and genuinely *hurt*. People want to come out feeling great; not saying 'I feel assaulted'. Partly, they feel assaulted by the language. They may enjoy a certain amount of violence, but there is no evidence that people say, let's go and hear Geena Davis use the f-word. I am not a prude. I've used those words myself: they are not a threat to western civilisation. But it is a profoundly alienating element in contemporary cinema."

Yet film-makers do deliberately insert the offending words into films like Costner's (unnecessarily violent) *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves* to ensure a higher-age rating to entice a child audience with its forbidden-fruit element.

If people aren't going to movies, does it matter how violent they are? Medved retorts: "But you didn't have to go to *Basic Instinct* to know about sticking ice-picks into people while having sex. Menacing movie posters of men with guns and women in terror are everywhere. That is ubiquity.

To say, 'you don't have to see it', is like saying 'if you don't want smog, just stop breathing'. Hollywood is pervasive."

With the slightly weary air of one who has said the same thing on many talk shows, he repeats that he is not averse to violence *per se*. "There is violence in Shakespeare and Sophocles and the Bible, and in many great films of the past — the Godfather films, *White Heat, Bonnie and Clyde*. My point is that it is now gratuitous, accumulative, repetitive and exploitative."

At 44 Medved was one of the Saturday matinee generation: his little brother Jonathan got so scared by *Voyage Into Space* he hid under the seat. It is a long time since children hid under the seats: and parents are helpless to exert any control over the videos their children see. He knows parents ought to monitor what their children watch, but we all know they don't. "I am amazed when people bring young children to screenings of *Basic Instinct* or *Terminator*. To me, that is a form of child abuse."

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His wife, Dr Diane Medved, a clinical psychologist, refuses to see any film with violence in it, no matter how 'good' it is. "She does not want to see blood and gore and people being shot." Old Westerns? *High Noon*? "She won't see it. She hates the experience of seeing people shot. While I make the distinction that context, as in real life, can make violence appropriate, Diane does not: she says, 'I won't see it, and nor will our daughters."

But Medved's book is only saying what oft was said before. When Hopkins won his Oscar for that ludicrous film *Silence of the Lambs* (with its instructive lesson for maniacs on how to kidnap a woman) Alexander Walker wrote in the *Evening Standard*: "American movies are now conveying an image of a world where violence, perversion and omnipresent fear are the ruling forces, where morality is stood on its head..."

Back in 1969 Milton Shulman was writing "this visual conspiracy of violence makes up a mosaic of American life in which the strong are revered, the gun is respected, pain is dismissed, the weak are despised... How much unnecessary agony, misery, pain will mankind suffer before something serious is done about it?" Well, now we know.

The glib response used to be that nobody could *prove* that violent films desensitised people, until the cumulative effects could be studied over a long period of time. Is 25 years long enough? It is almost that long since Stanley Kubrick withdrew his brilliant film of *A Clockwork Orange* — a first blast of the self-imposed cultural readjustment that Medved — who is opposed to censorship — sees as the answer.

Film-makers like Michael Winner, who memorably claimed that the original *Death Wish* would "bring home to women how awful rape is" (thanks, Michael), resort to that hoary we-are-only-the-messenger defence, that they merely reflect society as it is. Pah, says Medved. "What reality, when 71 per cent of film speaking parts are male? Is the world 71 per cent male? Thank God it's not." And search in vain, he says, for any sign in any film that there is a church anywhere in America: yet 45 per cent of Americans attend church or synagogue every week.

Medved has not seen, as I have, *Man Bites Dog*, the Belgian serial-killer film with its gruesome murders, gang rape and evisceration. But he has seen a dreadful new Disney called *A Far Off Place*, aimed at a family audience, which has nine murders before the titles come up. "Maximilian Schell with a machine gun blows away a crowd of poachers. Then all the parents of the major characters are gruesomely killed, in the first 15 minutes: is this a film to sell to kids as a family adventure? "Three of the best and most successful films at the moment are British: *Howards End, The Crying Game* and *Enchanted April* — in my view the best film of 1992. I bet the *catering* on the *Hoffa* set cost more than the entire budget of *Enchanted April* — and *Hoffa* is a flop. Hollywood is not only churning out worse material, but spending more on it.

"The top grossing movie of 1992 was *Aladdin*: I saw it four times with my girls. And you can look forward to *Homeward Bound*, an update of *The Incredible Journey*. I read in *USA Today* that it is 'the surprise hit of the year'. Where's the surprise? Universal Studios' winner last year was a shaggy dog movie, *Beethoven*. And the reason *Home Alone 2* didn't match the success of the first *Home Alone* was that they foolishly turned the plucky kid into a violent brat."

Medved speaks of enchantment, uplifting entertainment, harmless fun, romantic inspiration. But he would not want a relentless diet of sweet family fare, any more than I would: I'd rather see David Mamet's *Homicide* and *Glengarry Glen Ross* than Caine's absurd Scrooge with the Muppets. Medved's "enchantment" means "captivation" and that includes harsh, cruel movies. "Aristotle was right: the catharsis that the audience experiences from real tragedy does make you feel better. But what you are getting now is not tragedy but pretentious sewage. Does *Basic Instinct* deliver Aristotelian doses of pity and terror? *Come on.*"

We have had these panics before. We had *Rambo* and the Hungerford massacre. We have a judge saying the Cardiff girls who strangled, stabbed and scalped an old woman are "evil products of the modern age". There is a consensus of moral revulsion. As Medved says, much of what Hollywood does is only to impress itself. And if the megabucks stars talk of social responsibility, the industry could move away from its craze to shock us. Too late? "No: the readjustment is already under way," Medved says. "I think the Oscars this year will be very interesting.

"The Hollywood community can change its values. As Joseph Welch said to Senator McCarthy, 'Have you no *shame? Have you no decency after all?*'"

It's a pirate's life for me!

There is a place at work both for people employed by the company and for incorrigible freelances

John Birt's frank letter to this newspaper about his tax affairs did not put an end to the fuss (at the apogee of which, a listener, deliciously, wrote to *The Radio Programme* presuming that now the freelance DG was making way for a staff one, the post would be readvertised in the usual way). But, particularly with the disclosure that his freelance status didn't actually do him much good financially, the affair has raised fascinating echoes in the working world.

Someone has to stand up and admit that when it comes to avoiding staff jobs, temperament has quite as much to do with it as tax-advantage. Probably from birth, the human race divides naturally into officers and pirates, belongers and mavericks, staff and freelancers.

Once, the corporatist approach ruled. Companies and public bodies modelled themselves on the armed and civil services. You were given a staff number and a grade on your first day (I was OP1, and never got past OP3). The pretence, if not the real expectation, was that you were aboard this great liner for life.

Charles Handy, the management guru, remembers in his first company being shown a world map and told by way of inspiration which country's operation he might be heading-up, in which job, 20 years on. With some glee he now relates that not only the post, but the country no longer exists. The Thatcher revolution and the recession have blown that world to pieces. Mr Handy now tells schoolchildren "There aren't a lot of jobs out there, but there are a lot of *customers*", and offers the suggestion that it is degrading to sell your time, rather than your work. We have seen staffs decline sharply, and a boom in the world of freelance consultants, of service companies and satellite contractors. The pirates, for the moment, are on top.



Buccaneering Birt

There can be exhileration in it. In the BBC of the 1970s (a very different place from the present), I suffered a period of intense depression brought on not by my actual job, but by clashes with the patriarchal, patronising world of annual report interviews and personnel officers who treated you as if you had "PROPERTY OF THE BBC" tattooed across your buttocks. So I left the staff, and remember walking down the street saying "I am Me, Limited! I sell my work!" I still sold it to the BBC, but for three years I refused even to be tied to a six-month contract.

So childish was my rebellion that I presented the *Today* programme for a time on nothing more solid than week-to-week verbal agreements. I suppose it was a professional version of open marriage, very fashionable at the time; but it made me feel powerful to get cheques instead of a payslip. I can quite see that even in a full-time, concentrated, dedicated job like that of Director-General it might be secretly refreshing and liberating to have them pay you through a service company as if you were a lift engineer.

Others feel quite the opposite (indeed at times, even we pirates succumb to weak yearnings for a staff billet). The naval-officer types, the belongers, find their liberation in security and community. Taking again the example of the BBC (although it applies widely elsewhere), you will find immensely bankable, talented directors who live in daily dread of being forced to become independent producers. To them it would feel like exile and disgrace.

They, and countless others in auxiliary jobs, value the positive side of corporatism: loyalty, identity, a sense of steaming along on the bridge of the liner instead of crowding round it in bum-boats like tropical islanders trying to sell carved elephants. They know that in grim times a good corporation will comfort the sick, pension the dying, and accept responsibility for driving you nuts by providing a company psychiatrist and drying-out clinic. A freelance must bandage wounds alone, in secret, and put a brave face on it.

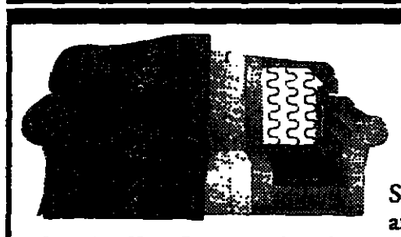
There should be room for both ways of life. Some prefer to see the employment market as a place where stately ships swish past one another doing business in great waters. Others see it as a shark pool, where the nippiest get to rip tasty pieces off smaller fish and each other. Even so, you may be forced to change your style if someone in the engine-room (or accounts office) is outraged to see the liner being towed by a bum-boat, however competently, and blows the whistle. Mr Birt was wise to give in. I hope he can remember his staff number.

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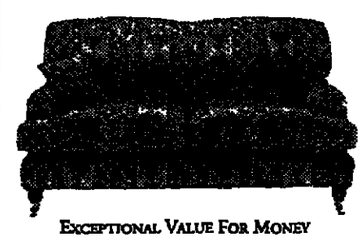
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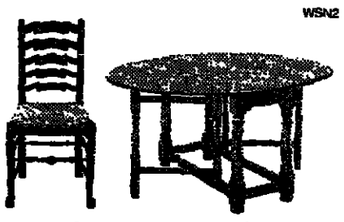
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Janet Daley



■ Two families now bitterly regret that they ever allowed the intrusion of fly-on-the-wall television

When Robert Burns cried out for the gift to see ourselves as others see us, he did not, presumably, have a media invasion in mind. Two separate cases have come to light this week of families who feel that — in their own remarkably similar words — their lives have been ruined by being exposed to public gaze. In Australia, the suburban household of Noleine Donaher claims to have been devastated by the stardom thrust upon it by a television series which simply recorded everyday life under its roof. In Britain, the parents of Jennifer Bennett (of sticky ear fame), whose political sympathies clashed with such spectacular effect during the last election, have now separated. In both cases, the principals allege that they have been victimised by the massively disruptive intrusions of journalists and broadcasters. What they imply is that the media exaggerated benign foibles or domestic difficulties, out of sheer mischievous opportunism. This exploitation then produced such acrimony and stress as to wreak havoc on their private lives.

How sympathetically you view these complaints might be influenced by the fact that in one case (Jennifer's parents) the whole farrago was initiated by a member of the family itself and in the other, an invitation from the media was readily accepted. But that, of course, is an unfair simplification. Presumably when Jennifer's father provided the details of her case to Robin Cook, then Labour spokesman for health, he had no idea that her identity would ever be revealed to the press. And, as Noleine Donaher tells it, when she agreed to allow a television team to film her family for a "fly-on-the-wall" documentary about Australian life, she did not expect her behaviour to become a hotter topic of national speculation than the Australian elections.

But the Bennetts, once discovered, did participate in competing news conferences and Mrs Donaher, rather than fleeing from her accursed fame has fuelled the controversy by participating in it. She is even bringing out her own book to tell her side of the story of how she was, as she claims, misrepresented. Once taken up by the media machine, ordinary people seem to find it terribly difficult to extricate themselves. And, as often as not, they seem trapped in a cycle in which their own behaviour contributes to their destruction. Why this should be so, is a matter which anyone of any conscience who works in the media should feel obliged to address.

Were these people naive? Did they think that temporary fame was going to be manageable — that, like the heroin addict in the televised health warning, they could handle it — only to find too late that they were overwhelmed? Probably, but their naivety was an understandable product of the media's own success at illusionism. By this I mean that the factual media — current affairs and documentary broadcasting specifically — have become consummately adept at presenting their pictures of the world as convincing snapshots of raw reality.

Television and news media have moved on from the risibly stilted artificiality of an earlier age. This is not simply a function of technical progress but of fashion: the informality and naturalism of drama has affected the style of factual reporting. (The *cinema vérité* vogue in French films revolutionised interviewing techniques in broadcasting.) The result is that for those inexperienced in the contrivances of this world, what appears on their screens at home looks very much like life as it is actually lived. They quite justifiably conclude that, in presenting themselves for examination, they will be presented truthfully as the people they know themselves to be.

> It is easy to betray innocent subjects on camera

They do not expect to be manipulated because the people they see on television do not look as if they are being manipulated. What they are unaware of is that most of the people they see regularly on the screen are, to one extent or another, acting. Those who live professionally in the media's eye learn how to play themselves. More to the point, they learn how to play the "selves" which they wish to expose for public consumption. Almost anyone who survives celebrity has acquired a mildly schizoid relationship with his own public persona. This not only protects the more vulnerable and ingenuous personality beneath the mask but, even more important for our purposes here, allows the star to keep some control over what is, in fact, a species of artifice.

Anyone who has taken part in a meeting or a public occasion where cameras have been present knows the immediate effect of that presence: body language and speech are contaminated by self-consciousness and there is a wave of relieved laughter when the alien force withdraws. But to the audience at home, that view of the gathering seemed like a genuine glimpse of what actually happened.

For most ordinary people, the media represent glamour or even the voice of authority, which makes it quite easy to seduce innocent subjects into giving the camera what it wants. Or simply into betraying their most unguarded selves in a way that no professional would ever do.

When public morality is enforced the weak and vulnerable suffer, says Conor Cruise O'Brien

Who pays the price for traditional values?

A peculiarly horrifying event, occurring in a modern city, can evoke yearnings for an earlier, simpler and putatively more moral society. Where the event involves children, there will be calls for a return to family values. Such have been the responses to the abduction and murder of a two-year-old child, and of the trial of two ten-year-olds for those crimes.

During the same week in which Britain was in the grip of the Liverpool horror, Ireland was reeling at revelations concerning the life of a family in rural Co Kilkenny. However, these revelations have not prompted a desire to return to family values, but rather a need to question the workings of the version of family values ensconced in Irish culture, inculcated by the Catholic church, with the full backing of the Irish state, as laid down in Article 41 of the Irish constitution.

The circumstances of the Kilkenny case are now widely known. A father regularly raped and brutalised his daughter, over more than 16 years. As a result of her father's attentions the daughter had a child. She was also hospitalised after her father had smashed her hand with a hammer, and after he had caused her to lose the sight of one eye. Both the daughter and her mother, terrified of the father, long refused to testify against him. Stories of accidents were made up to account for the injuries. The police took statements to that effect. Social workers seem to have felt powerless. What, if anything, the local clergy thought, said or did about the matter has not yet to come to light; perhaps it will in the official enquiry now opening. Only when a brave, sympathetic and resourceful young police woman, Agnes Reddy, won the daughter's confidence and got her to talk did the truth come out. As a result, the father has confessed to incest (which carries a lesser sentence than rape) and has been sentenced to seven years, of which he is likely to serve no more than four. At least four other cases of incestuous rape are said to be in the offing.

In traditional societies, incest is a topic which elicits superstitious awe and aversion. The victim is felt to be accursed, beyond the reach of human help, best left to God. I got a strong whiff of this, about ten years ago, arising out of a case in Co Longford. A pregnant schoolgirl delivered her own child in the open air, alone, in her own village, in front of a statue of the Blessed Virgin. Shortly afterwards both mother and child died, apparently of exposure. I was writing a column in *The Irish Times* at the time and I put the question: how did it come about, in a small, Christian community, that this girl — whose plight must have been sufficiently obvious for some months — could find no human help in her hour of need, but had to resort to a lump of painted plaster?

I got just one reply to that enquiry, but it was a significant one. It came from a priest in Dublin and it took the form of a gentle remonstrance. What the priest had to tell me was that the girl's father was also the father of her child, a matter which had not been publicised. The priest assumed that, had I known the circumstances, I would not have given publicity to so distressing a matter. He also implied that to anyone who was aware of that circumstance the behaviour of the local community towards the girl became immediately understandable and acceptable. They had behaved as they had to behave: the schoolgirl and her baby were dead and, out of respect for both the family and the community, the less said about the whole matter the better.

Part of Article 41 reads as follows: "(1) The State recognises the family as the natural primary and fundamental unit group of Society, and as a moral institution possessing rights, antecedent to all positive law. (2) The State, therefore, guarantees to protect the Family in its constitution and authority, as the necessary basis of social order and as indispensable to the welfare of the Nation and the State."

To many people, in Britain and elsewhere, now hankering for the reassertion of family values, those words may sound impressive and inspiring. To an increasing number of Irish people, especially young women, they sound coldly and pompously inimical. The "authority" to be "protected" by the state is essentially that of the head of the family, though that is not explicitly stated. Family members who need protection from the family head have received precious little protection from the Irish state. On the contrary, it is the abusive family head who is protected in practice.

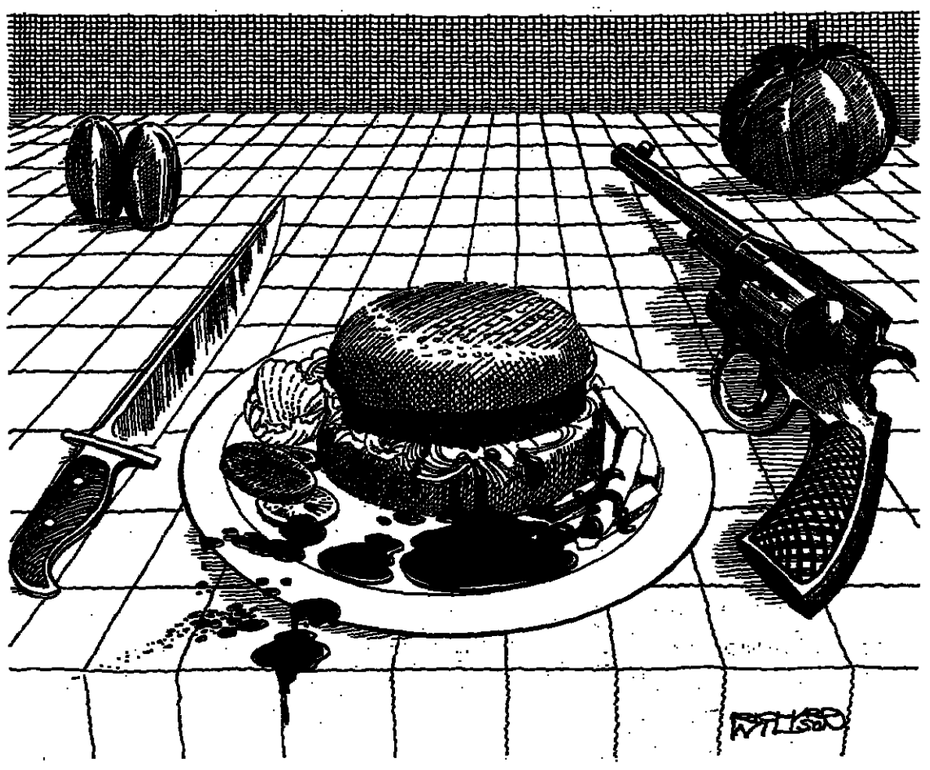
In general, especially since the case, over a year ago, of *Attorney-General versus X*, the 14-year-old rape victim, there is a revulsion in Ireland against a version of family values of which girls and young women are the principal victims. As a result the sort of things that were hushed up for generations, are now coming to light. The revelations are grim, but salutary: they can save other young women.

Among traditional values, one of the most constant is hypocrisy. But hypocrisy has become more vulnerable: it has become harder to hush up abominations. Contemporary society is nasty enough, but it may well be less oppressive overall than traditional societies which left so many horrors to fester beneath a decorous rug of piety.

The American way of death

Paragraph by paragraph, papers list the appalling carnage on the streets

Bernard Levin



The *Herald-Tribune* newspaper, that admirable *multum in parvo* (hundreds of years ago I used to write regularly for it), naturally gives substantial quantities of space to American politics. But recognising that its remarkably widespread readership, while obviously interested in American topics (else why would they be buying the paper?), it is wise enough to make sure that the political matter does not swamp the rest. To ensure that there is at least a budget of non-political news from the United States every day, there is a diurnal feature headed, simply and usefully, "Away From Politics".

The other day, at breakfast, I was casting an eye over the feature, when I put the paper down, and walked about the room for a few minutes, then returned to the newspaper feature. I finished it, but not my breakfast. That day's Away From Politics was indeed away from politics; would that it had been steeped, smothered, soaked in politics. For there were seven items in the feature, and I shall be very surprised indeed if it does not spoil the breakfast of many of you.

1) "Police snipers killed a gunman in a Washington apartment after a daylong standoff during which the man killed two hostages, including a 3-month-old girl, and wounded a third. The ... man ... described as agitated, took the infant and women hostage."

2) "Two teenagers abducted a family at gunpoint from a shopping center parking lot in Eustis, Florida, then killed the two young girls and raped and shot their mother ..."

3) "US authorities have arrested five men and seized a cache of military weapons from a fishing boat boarded by the Coast Guard ..."

4) "Three weeks after seven people were found shot to death in two coolers at a fast-food restaurant in Palatine, Illinois, the police in the Chicago suburb have made no arrests and named no suspects. 'It's scary because you don't know which place they're going to hit next', said Richard Stanke, 59, as he ate lunch at the Palatine Restaurant. 'Until they find the killers, the tension will be there.' "

5) "Three Marines were arrested in Wilmington, North Carolina, after they allegedly dragged an adult male homosexual out of a bar and beat him while shouting 'Clinton must pay' ... The Marines ... were each charged with four counts of assault."

6) "Two-year-old Janil Urbino was in her father's arms when she was killed by a bullet fired by a man shooting randomly on a New York street. Her father ... saw the gunman turn and aim a rifle at him. He ... knew his daughter had been hit because he felt her go limp. Janil was believed to be the 31st child under 16 to be shot this year in New York City. The police say that 477 New York children were shot in 1992, at least 55 of them fatally."

7) And now (the last item) for something beautiful and gentle, counter-balancing the horrors of the previous catalogue. "The Jack-in-the-Box fast-food chain will pay for the hospitalisation of any customers who became ill from a bacterial disease after eating the company's hamburgers. At least one child has died ... linked to undercooked hamburgers served at the chain, and more than 300 people have become ill ..."

After that, you will surely agree with Wordsworth, when he pointed out that the world is too much with us, and in addition that late and soon, getting and spending, we lay waste our powers. Moreover, it is difficult to deny that there is much good sense in the same poet's opinion that he would rather be a Pagan suckled in a creed outworn; wouldn't we all, these days?

If you feel that my attempt at gallows humour is offensive, how would you try to cope with the ordinary news of the New York day, the news, that is, which is so common place and insignificant that it demands no headlines, and indeed is relegated to a tiny patch on page three, yet in one day delivers a mad gunman who kills a woman and a baby, two youths who kidnap an entire family the better to murder their two children and rape their mother, coast guards who discover enough weapons to wipe out half of Miami, a restaurant filled with customers all wondering how many corpses the kitchen refrigerator will disclose next time, a homosexual beaten up by drunks just for being a homosexual, and an outbreak of *E coli* from a hamburger chain that has accidentally poisoned its customers from Seattle to Las Vegas.

I know what fire is, but what exactly is brimstone? Never mind; why do we continue to behave as though God will never tire of us? I should have thought that he must have tired of us years and years ago, and is biding his time while he thinks up the most condign method of disposing of us. Perhaps we can plead "balance of the mind disturbed", and the evidence would need several aeons to read out, never mind examine.

Nor should we accept the argument that the world has always been unruly, and that violent crime has always been with us; even Macbeth knew better:

> Blood hath been shed ere now, i'th' olden time,
> Ere humane statute purg'd the gentle weal;
> Ay, and since too, murders have been perform'd
> Too terrible for the ear: the times have been,
> That, when the brains were out, the man would die,
> And there an end; but now, they rise again,
> With twenty mortal murders on their crowns,
> And push us from our stools ...

It is all very well to say, as the American forces of law and order do, that most of these dreadful crimes are perpetrated under the influence of drugs. So they are, in two senses. One, obviously, is to get the stuff without which they cannot live, which is at least logical; and the other, which is more mysterious, in order to commit the most frightful atrocities while on the "high". But the drug horrors have been familiar for several decades: how do we explain the extraordinary compulsion for ordinary people, the great majority very young, to embark upon a path that leads only to the grave, and a grave reached by unspeakable anguish?

How do we explain the transformation (Dracula would give up and throw away his teeth if he could see it) of apparently ordinary youths who, when the hard stuff is coursing through their bodies, will — well, will kidnap a family, murder the children and rape the mother? Who will answer the questions: why is suicide-by-drugs so immensely appealing, and why is murder — not even for gain — even more agreeable?

I don't know; nobody knows. But we had better find out quite soon. Whatever the experts say, the brutality of crime has risen and is continuing to rise; when we hear about the recent murders and massacres in Africa, and we shudder, we had better make sure that we are not shuddering at the terrible things that happen in uncivilised lands, because when it comes to terrible things we could give the uncivilised lands a start two miles long, and still come strolling in the winners, not even out of breath. We think, because it has never happened for many centuries, that our increasingly disordered world cannot break down; cannot, that is, emulate the full horrors of Africa. I see no reason for believing that it is impossible.

Pessimistic, am I? I could say that there is a great deal to be pessimistic about these days, but I won't. Instead, I shall turn to another regular feature in the *Herald-Tribune*, this one called American Topics. It has just revealed that the body which governs the use of taxis in New York has given permission for the installation of mobile telephones in the back of New York's yellow cabs. Customers using a cab-phone can only pay by credit card, but that, in New York, could not be much of a problem; most New Yorkers are festooned with the things. Surveys among cab-users and cab-drivers alike show that both will welcome the facility, and the first phone-equipped cab should be driving round New York by the summer.

Now dare call me gloomy! If you do, I shall settle the matter with one simple fact; scientists have proved conclusively that it is impossible to cut anyone's throat with a credit card.

Seat of the pants

WANTED: a Tory candidate who can actually win the Newbury by-election, but who won't add to the government's Maastricht misery. It's a combination proving more than a mite elusive. The latter requirement rules out big but unreliable guns such as Alan Clark. The former could prove a substantial obstacle to any fresh-faced apparatchik, long on political correctness but short on political charisma.

But mutterings among Newbury Tories suggest an answer is at hand — if they can persuade Sir Michael McNair-Wilson, who held the seat from 1974 until last year's general election, to come out of retirement.

While he insists he has retired, McNair-Wilson admits he might be persuaded: "Faced with a call from the prime minister, I would have to think hard about a return. I would have to think carefully whether to stand or not."

It could be a clever move for John Major. McNair-Wilson, even his opponents would admit, had a strong personal vote and with big names like Francis Maude and John Maples already ruling themselves out, along apparently with David Trippier and Colin Moynihan, the Tories are running out of winning options.

Apart from rebelling against the government over Sunday trading and its policy on Northern Ireland, along with MPs such as the late Ian Gow, McNair-Wilson rarely deviated from the party line. So unlike his brother, Sir Patrick, the Tory MP for the New Forest, he would not rock the boat on Maastricht. The call from No 10 may yet come through.

● *The chairman of the British Library Board, Commander Michael Saunders Watson, was in relaxed mood yesterday at the W. H. Smith Literary Award, held in the overdue and over-budget new British Library building. But then it was his last day. "I would be a fool to tell you when this great temple of the book will be opening," he said. He could only echo Neil MacGregor, director of the National Gallery, who when asked when the Sainsbury wing was opening replied: "Six months after the air conditioning is working."*

Brought to book

RUSLAN KHASBULATOV, the speaker of the Russian parliament who is currently doing his best to unseat Boris Yeltsin, is to be published in English for the first time next month. If he continues on present form, Routledge, his book's publishers, may have a modest hit on their hands. So it comes as something of a surprise that the publisher is unwilling to exploit its author's current high profile. Unless, of course, Routledge believes Khasbulatov is going to be even more famous in a few weeks' time.

Despite the lack of comment, it is understood that the book mixes political analysis with first-hand accounts of events such as the coup of August 1991, when Khasbulatov joined with Yeltsin in declaring the coup illegal. Khasbulatov apparently concludes with a look at the problems of power in the post-communist era. Still writing it, perhaps?

DIARY

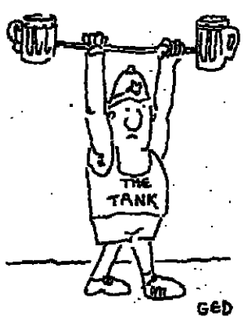
● *He may frighten Boris Yeltsin, but Khasbulatov's posturing does little to impress women. The aggressive, pit-bull politician, who has at least one sex scandal to his name, is the target of an angry protest from three female legislators, who accuse him of "sexist jokes and scabrous innuendos". A fourth, Bella Denisenko, is more accommodating. "That's just our Speaker's style. He's rude to men and women alike."*

Emptying the tank

THE Metropolitan police calls time for the last time tonight at its much-loved headquarters' watering-hole "the tank". Situated on the ground floor of New Scotland Yard, the windowless bar, complete with Wailing Wall, has been a favourite with London's finest since the building opened in the 1960s.

In keeping with new commissioner Paul Condon's stated aim of making the Met more "user-friendly", the tank will be closed and, in due course, is to be replaced by a gym.

According to one Scotland Yard insider, "The powers-that-be thought that the smell of beery fumes in reception did nothing for our public image." Tank aficionados are wondering whether the sight of gasping, red-faced, overweight detectives will be an improvement. Or indeed even very different.



GED

Speak to England

THE prime minister, it is said, is relying on local Conservative associations to bring their rebellious, anti-Maastricht MPs back into line. The question is has anyone told the local associations?

It would appear not. To the barely concealed fury of the party's high command, the Tories most in demand on the local association circuit are the leaders of the Maastricht revolt.

Baroness Thatcher's office is awash with speaking invitations. Sir Teddy Taylor cannot fit all of his in. But the most popular of them all is Lord Tebbit, who is now receiving more invitations to speak to Tory workers than when he was an MP. All the invitations are to speak on Maastricht.

They come from as far afield as the Rother Valley and the West Country. In the next few weeks, Tebbit will address meetings for Sir Fergus Montgomery, MP for Altrincham and Sale; Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Upminster; John Butcher, Coventry South West; and Tory associations in Bradford and Hammersmith.

Nor does his popularity stop there. Glasgow University Conservative Club has just made him a vice-president, while one senior cabinet minister has just booked the great man for 12 months hence. Not still talking about Maastricht, please.

How the snail was overtaken



Elena Salvoni, manageress of L'Escargot since 1981, has been ejected from the Soho restaurant she made her own. She and her staff were this week ousted by receivers. Elena, who is to set up in a new Soho restaurant backed by a group of satisfied customers, is still in shock. "We all went to work on Tuesday knowing we didn't have long. A junior from the receivers came and told us to go home. I was in such a rush I forgot my shoes and my sewing box." And it was only after much persuasion that she managed to wrest back her famous collection of photographs, given to her by grateful actors.

● *Civil servants at the Department of Environment building in Edgbaston, who are supposed to be spearheading the government's energy saving programme "Helping the Earth Begins at Home", have been issued with electric fan heaters because their building is so badly insulated.*

BORIS AGONISTES

The West can help Yeltsin's struggle for reform

Russia's supreme legislature, the Congress of People's Deputies, vividly exemplifies the vacuum left behind by communism's collapse. Boris Yeltsin once likened its deputies to dinosaurs. The withering abuse its leaders heaped *on him* yesterday was couched in a relatively recent language: that of Orwell's *1984*. The sanctity of a constitution framed with the sole object of preserving the absolute power of communist dictatorship was invoked by speaker after speaker to justify the blatantly undemocratic aim of crippling Russia's directly elected president. This decisive confrontation over who wields power in Russia seems doomed to dislocate the body politic still further.

Without a clear chain of authority the outlook for Russian reform, already grim, could rapidly become desperate. The constitution is grist to the reactionaries' mill precisely because, as both sides know well, it left the allocation of power between government and legislature deliberately vague; neither was intended to have any power. But the constitution, manipulated by determined demagogues, can still be a formidable instrument of obstruction. Were it not for *this*, the proceedings of Russia's overmighty relic of communism would be farcical.

If the proceedings are disorganised, the public agenda is depressingly clear. In vain did Mr Yeltsin plead that a strong presidency was "*the only way for Russia to rise again*". Fully half the deputies oppose the entire reforming thrust of his government; and a substantial minority is convinced, as one speaker said, that "the idea of an effective market economy is nonsense". Yet the knife remains poised: for all the rhetoric, there is still no majority for impeaching Mr Yeltsin or imposing a purely ceremonial function on the Russian presidency.

Today the Congress seems likely to vote to end last December's agreed moratorium on constitutional changes while also, in the words of one influential deputy, "preventing any direct appeal to the people by those forces who want to upset the balance of the constitution". Short of a last-minute deal, passage of the resolution would rule out the April referendum sought by Mr Yeltsin on who governs Russia. It would also open the way to further encroachments on Mr Yeltsin's dwindling powers, and on those of his key ministers.

Mr Yeltsin's persistence in seeking out the middle ground of powerful industrialists and centrist deputies yields him smaller and smaller gains with each confrontation. Before the Congress, he insisted that reforms would be completely stymied and Russia would be ungovernable without three basic concessions: the transfer of control of the central bank (the key to averting hyperinflation), the state property agencies, and budgetary and financial decisions from the legislature to the government. He made only limited headway *yesterday on these* cardinal points. Power-sharing, under an ambiguous and manipulable formula, is all that is on offer.

Mr Yeltsin continues to exploit his supreme asset, his democratic legitimacy, with skill and pugnacity, but he is urgently in need of new weapons to win the centre ground to his side. The West's role may be more crucial than it has so far believed. Lodged in the minds of too many Russians, powerful *or merely impoverished*, is the suspicion that the West's sympathy for Russian recovery is all show, its real agenda to weaken its former enemy permanently. The sudden urgency attached to an early meeting of the Group of Seven is welcome only if a solid programme of support is the result. The courage of Russia's democrats ended the Cold War; they must be helped to heal the scars it left, if that great gain is not to be jeopardised. Japan and Western Europe needed just such help 50 years ago. Mr Clinton's active canvassing of support in this cause comes none too early.

THIS BULL CALLED TAURUS

The City's reputation for competence takes another knock

Hugely expensive technological blunders are becoming a symbol of the British way of life as surely as beefeaters, cream teas and angelic choirboys. Taurus, the elaborate computerised information system that was supposed to catapult the City's financial dealers from the quill pen era into the space age was abandoned yesterday by a hideously embarrassed Stock Exchange council.

The fatal flaw of Taurus (Transfer and *Automatic Registration of Uncertificated* Stock) was that it was a piece of computerised bull designed by committee. Instead of being run by a single management team with a clearly defined set of objectives, the Taurus project was rapidly hijacked by all kinds of vested interests, ranging from regulators at the Department of Trade to stock registrars who shuffle the millions of share certificates in Worthing and Southend and who were concerned about the threat to their jobs.

Only stockbrokers, management consultants and computer buffs will care about, or understand, the precise bugs in the Taurus software. But the implications of this failure for the City of London's *international* competitiveness and reputation will ultimately affect everyone living in Britain.

The failure of Taurus may not lead directly to the diversion of huge volumes of business to other centres. The settlements system is only a marginal consideration in stockmarket trading. Dealing in the shares of British companies is now just a small corner of the City's affairs. None the less, the absence of a modern settlements system will, at the margin, erode the competitive advantages offered by London's concentration of financial expertise, its relatively helpful regulatory framework and the use of the English language. London's hopes of *maintaining the kind* of unchallenged dominance over Europe's financial system that New York enjoys in America will inevitably be a little harder to fulfil.

The City should not have to suffer a *serious competitive* disadvantage for too long. The option of buying a ready-made system from America or Europe and adapting it to British requirements has always existed. It must now be pursued energetically. The City may not even have to wait for an acceptable system much beyond the latest deadline for Taurus, which was to start working in early 1994. The biggest loss to the City will be counted not in time or money, but in reputation — a commodity which is supposed to be more valuable than either in the financial world.

After the débâcles at the Lloyd's insurance market and the huge lending losses suffered by the clearing banks, the Stock Exchange is *the latest in a long line of supposedly world*-beating British financial institutions to take a nasty knock. How this decline in reputation will affect the City's business is impossible to predict. The Taurus fiasco does make one thing clear, however. Britain's glamorous and frequently overpaid financial service businesses are in no way immune to the management failures that have destroyed so many of the nation's once great manufacturing enterprises.

PLEASURE FROM PAIN

The House of Lords has struck a blow against freedom

In a week in which the relationship between culture and violence has been hotly argued, it would have been beneficial had the House of Lords helped to clarify matters. Instead it contrived yesterday to confuse. By a margin of three to two, their lordships dismissed appeals by five men convicted of criminal assault, even though the "victims" not only *consented to the harm* but positively and privately enjoyed it.

The five middle-aged appellants, all leading otherwise respectable lives, formed part of a sado-masochistic homosexual ring. They did all sorts of painful things to each other from which it is hard to imagine that pleasure could be derived. Yet that is what they liked doing, in the privacy of their homes. There was no attempt to proselytise, nobody needed medical treatment, no money was exchanged and no complaint made to the police. The authorities found out about the activities quite accidentally, and the men were charged under section 20 of the Offences Against the Person Act.

There are many assaults which are perfectly legal provided the injured party consents to them. Lord Mustill, in his minority judgment, cited the case of boxing: "Each boxer tries to hurt the opponent more than he is hurt himself, and *aims to end the* contest prematurely by inflicting a brain injury serious enough to make the opponent unconscious, or temporarily by impairing his central nervous system through a blow to the midriff, or cutting *his skin* to a degree which would ordinarily be well within the scope of section 20." Some people find boxing barbaric, and many hate to watch it. It is lawful none the less. The line cannot easily be drawn according to the amount of harm done. After all, a surgeon can inflict *terrible wounds on a patient provided* consent has been given. The law allows these special cases; consensual sado-masochism should sit alongside them. As Lord Mustill pointed out, the fact that the law is called the Offences *Against* the Person Act implies that some animosity, aggression or personal rancour is expected from the assailant and some protest by the victim.

The judges were asked to decide on a point of criminal law, not to say whether they personally approved or disapproved of the men's behaviour. Even though most people would say that the men's behaviour was "repulsively wrong", said Lord Mustill, the state should still interfere with the rights of *people to live their life as they choose no* more than is necessary to ensure a proper balance between individual rights and the rights of society.

In the current climate of moral approbation, some people may be tempted to agree with Lord Templeman who, in disallowing the appeal, said that "society is entitled and bound to protect itself against a cult of violence. Pleasure derived from the infliction of pain is an evil thing. Cruelty is uncivilised." But that is to confuse the glorification of sadism with the private practice of it on willing partners. The latter does not contribute to the sort of violence on unwilling victims from which society rightly shrinks. These men's acts cannot have been cruel if they were welcomed. In a civilised society such eccentricities should be tolerated.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Moral framework for social conduct

From Mr David Raeburn

Sir, As a former headmaster of schools in both the maintained and independent sectors, I am dismayed by Mr John Patten's suggestion that the problem of moral education can effectively be tackled by strengthening syllabuses in religious education (report, March 10).

Young people learn the differences between right and wrong at least as much by example as by precept. In schools this difference is not one which can be "taught" by specific teachers in a specific curriculum subject. Rather it is "caught" through the relationships which characterise a school's quality of life as a community: relationships between child and child, child and teacher, teacher and parent.

The teachers collectively, working in cooperation with parents, set the "tone" or moral framework within which their pupils grow and develop as social beings as well as physically and mentally.

Unfortunately, the climate promoted by the government's current educational policies does little to enhance the moral atmosphere or sense of community in schools. Competition based on league tables may or may not lead to a raising of academic standards. It certainly encourages a pushy aggressiveness and a limited concentration on easily measurable results.

The most important aspect of education, however — that which relates to the character and values of the next generation — is not susceptible to standard testing. There is little in the government's relationship with our teachers to inspire a broader concept of responsibility along these lines.

I feel sure that the religious leaders whom Mr Patten consults will wish to emphasise that knowledge, skills and values are all best learned in a school environment which, like a good family, is founded on human understanding, confidence and love. This in itself implies some underpinning by religion; but it surely goes way beyond the strengthening of syllabuses or blueprints for lessons.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID RAEBURN,
Christ Church, Oxford.
March 8.

From Mr Peter Cave

Sir, It is a mistake to believe that morality can be grounded in religion, and it is a danger to morality if people wrongly believe *there to be such a* link.

Your news pages often tell of the (mis)understanding of right and wrong which may result from religious beliefs: an obvious example is the religious grounding which has created the bizarre claim that it is right that Salman Rushdie should be killed.

More generally, if people have been misled into thinking morality requires religion then, once they lose their faith, everything becomes permitted — hardly an outcome sought by Mr Patten.

Yours faithfully,
PETER CAVE,
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Winchmore Hill, N21.
March 6.

From the Headmaster of Friern Barnet Grammar School

Sir, Mr Patten is quite right to be actively seeking the advice of church leaders on the moral and religious training of the younger generation in schools. It is an accurate perception in the population at large that the best schools in the country in terms of discipline and moral standards are the church schools.

There are good reasons for this. First, many of the young believe there to be a direct causal link between a positive religious life-stance and a positive moral outlook.

Secondly, church schools tend to attract parents who place a high value on religion and morals. Children from such a background arrive at the schools with a fortunate head start in matters of moral discipline which assists the teachers in maintaining a constructive and secure learning environment.

Church leaders, and in particular priests, can usually deploy their pastoral influence to assist this process.

Yours faithfully,
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March 7.

Effective self-regulation by the press

From Sir Frank Rogers, Chairman, The Newspaper Publishers Association Ltd.

Sir, Mr Chris Hopson's proposals for a press ombudsman (Media, March 10) offer neither a radical nor a workable solution to the newspaper industry in its present aim to strengthen self-regulation. His fashionable bow to the solutions offered by ombudsmen to all sorts of problems will not assist the press or its readers.

He neglects the large investment by the British press in setting up, supporting and publicising a system of self-regulation at first welcomed by the government and the Opposition. Within a very short period the Press Complaints Commission has laid solid foundations for effective self-discipline at no cost to the taxpayer. National newspaper editors have proposed that the commission should be improved by having a majority of independent lay members, and they approved a review of the industry's code of practice.

Mr Hopson confuses control of the press with self-regulation and would require editors and members of the public to participate in yet another method of handling complaints about the press. Although he presents it as "a strengthened system of self-regulation", his ombudsman would "have the power to fine and order financial or editorial redress".

Such powers could only be secured by statutory intervention in the press. Mr Hopson's method of press regulation *is statutory control masquerading* as self-regulation.

Yours faithfully,
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March 11.

From Mr Donald Trelford, Editor of The Observer

Sir, Chris Hopson is surely right to conclude that even a reformed Press Complaints Commission, with a majority of lay members, would be unlikely to command public confidence as an effective regulatory body. "A danger to avoid", he points out, "is an authority composed of a number of lay people who know little about the industry and a number of editors who know a lot".

His proposal for a press ombudsman opens a fruitful new area of debate, though I suggest an amendment: that the press ombudsman and his staff should work through the existing ombudsmen, or readers' representatives, already attached to most national newspapers.

These could continue to act as a first line for complaints; a reader who was dissatisfied with the verdict could then appeal to the central ombudsman, either acting alone or with a small committee of others to assist him.

The ombudsmen should be funded centrally by the industry through the existing Press Board of Finance, rather than by the individual newspapers on whom they were adjudicating.

The background of the ombudsmen would need to be reviewed to ensure that they represented a variety of experience — not all of them lawyers or former civil servants or former senior journalists or whatever, but a reasonable mix.

The list of ombudsmen should be nominated, as Mr Hopson proposes, by an independent appointments commission, but each newspaper could perhaps be allowed to exercise a veto over the individual attached to them.

The system would need to be adapted to the structure of the regional press, but given the relatively smaller number of complaints they attract and the great disparities in size, each ombudsman could cover a number of papers, reporting to the central authority.

I agree with Mr Hopson that third-party complaints should be allowed and that a system of fines should be introduced to give the system teeth. Such matters would need to be referred, however, to the central committee of ombudsmen so that a uniform policy could be applied.

Yours sincerely,
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March 10.

Scotch on the rocks

From Dame Jill Knight, MP for Birmingham, Edgbaston (Conservative), and others

Sir, As the Chancellor adds the finishing touches to next week's Budget, we trust he won't lose sight of the need to assist one of Britain's most successful manufacturing businesses.

The Scotch whisky industry currently contributes almost £2 billion by way of export earnings to the balance of payments; it is the source of some 70,000 jobs in the UK. However, the high level of excise duty has led to a continuous fall in domestic sales (report, March 6) — by as much as 10 per cent in the last year.

Since January 1 (the advent of the single market) the number of Britons travelling to the Continent to buy whisky is producing an additional drop in home sales. But is that surprising? The same bottle of Scotch can cost 33 per cent less on the Continent.

The government is committed to helping manufacturing industry. One way to do this would be to reduce the level of excise duty on whisky or, at the worst, hold it at the current rate. To do otherwise will simply accelerate falling sales as well as reduce the amount of duty the Chancellor is able to raise.

Yours etc,
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March 9.

Public art sales

From the Chairman of the Museums & Galleries Commission

Sir, Your editorial (February 26) and the letter from Sir Denis Mahon (March 1) demonstrate that the sale by public bodies of works of art donated to them raises complex issues and that each set of circumstances is different, depending on the terms of the gift and the constitution of the owning body.

It seems to me that if donors are not to be deterred in the future three questions need to be addressed:-

Firstly, the legal protection afforded to material in museums and gallery collections needs to be clarified and may need strengthening. The Museums & Galleries Commission's registration scheme, backed by the government, provides a voluntary basis for defining those collections to which such protection should be given. It also sets out proper criteria under which it may on occasion be appropriate for museums to dispose of material. Secondly, therefore, the *scheme should be given statutory* force.

Thirdly, we need a clear and unambiguous statement by the Charity Commission that permission for the recent sale (report, February 24) by the Royal Holloway and Bedford New College (which is *not* a museum) was judged to be appropriate only because of the greater need to protect other parts of the founder's bequest and that the wishes of donors and benefactors will be overturned only in the most exceptional cases.

Yours faithfully,
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March 4.

Living wills

From Lady Engle

Sir, Jeremy Laurance reports (March 3) on the guidelines issued by the British Medical Association and the Royal College of Nursing "to doctors and nurses on hospital patients who should be allowed to die in dignity without being subjected to painful resuscitation".

The patient's views on resuscitation may have been clearly stated in an advance directive, such as the one issued by the Voluntary Euthanasia Society, which sets out a person's wishes in advance of their becoming incapacitated.

If an advance directive has been *given to a patient's doctor* and relatives there must at least be a hope that the hospital staff would be made aware of this and would act accordingly.

Yours sincerely,
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Motorway hazards

From Mr A. G. L. Turner

Sir, I once shared Mrs Lindy Price's concern (letter, March 5) about unhelpful motorway notices when in Italy, having already embarked on a journey along a new motorway. I passed *three notices with the* successive messages: "No stopping"; "No turning back"; and "No petrol for 100 kilometres".

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN TURNER,
Shelsley, 135 Cranley Gardens,
Muswell Hill, N10.
March 5.

Keeping mum

From Mr J. A. Schofield

Sir, A leading firm of London solicitors includes a cover statement *on its faxes that says*: "Confidentiality. If you are not the named recipient of this fax please notify us, preferably by telephone, forthwith and do not read this fax . . .".

Yours truly,
JOHN SCHOFIELD,
Greenly House,
40 Dukes Place, EC3.

EC 'rebel's' defence

From Mr Bill Cash, MP for Stafford (Conservative)

Sir, The chairman of the West Midlands Conservative Council, Robin Hodgson, states (letter, March 10) that he is concerned that at the general election volunteers in my constituency worked hard to ensure that it was won for the Conservatives. I had my AGM on March 5, at which I fully explained my position on Europe and had overwhelming support from my association — the very volunteers to whom he refers.

My constituents have known of my views on moves towards federalism in Europe since I was first elected in 1984, and particularly on Maastricht itself, on which I have written two books and numerous articles in *The Times* and in local newspapers, as well as appearing on television and radio, and in debates in the House of Commons. My election address and literature confirmed all this to my constituents. I voted for remaining in the EC in 1975 and for the Single European Act.

Despite my own and other Euro-sceptics' calls to the government to withdraw from the exchange-rate mechanism (the central economic policy of the Conservative manifesto on which we fought that election), the government persisted in it at enormous and continuing cost, both to our economy and my constituents' businesses and jobs. Eventually, in spite of repeated denials that it would do so, the government was forced to leave the ERM because it would not work.

A recent opinion poll in one of my local newspapers recorded 80 per cent against Maastricht, and since the vote on Monday I have already had 157 letters of support, with only seven against. Neither my constituents nor volunteers would want a return to the ERM nor to have the ERM revisited upon them via stage 2 of Maastricht. I have no intention of letting them down by voting for a policy which the government itself has rightly abandoned and on which the Euro-sceptics have been proved right. This is not "the realm of pure emotion" as Mr Hodgson asserts, but of fact.

There are many other good reasons, which I have set out in debates, for not voting for Maastricht, including the change in political landscape throughout Europe since the treaty was signed and the second reading took place.

If we were to be silenced, this would demonstrate the undemocratic authoritarian basis on which this undemocratic, authoritarian treaty is being driven through. That is why, as you say (leading article, March 9), we need a referendum.

Yours faithfully,
BILL CASH,
House of Commons.

Serbian 'barbarity'

From Dr Kathleen V. Wilkes

Sir, There is, and always has been, "drift" between expressions that at first are shock-horror eye-witness accounts, but which then slide into being merely descriptive reports. The *phrase "ethnic cleansing" is going* along this route.

The inhumanity and barbarity of this policy — of killing, expelling, raping, and terrorising civilians, and looting and burning their houses — *gets overlooked by the media* acceptance of the idea of "ethnic cleansing", which is now simply reported; it is no longer rejected with horror.

The massacres in Cerska (report, March 3) are just one more example *of Serbian barbarity. Hundreds of* starving civilians have, a very few days ago, been murdered. In the very heart of Europe. And the media report it as another example of "ethnic cleansing". Just as they report the weather.

Perhaps we have forgotten how to feel horror. Why can we not condemn strongly in the media (I have long ceased to hope that governments in Britain or the EC will do the condemning, but the media are not strangled *too* much) the killings, tortures and rapes in Bosnia?

Not one millimetre of Serbia has been attacked by any other of the countries of ex-Yugoslavia. But Serbia *is still sitting on a third of Croatia and* has devastated about half of it. As for Bosnia, how can it recover?

Yours sincerely,
K. V. WILKES,
St Hilda's College, Oxford.

Liddesdale controversy

From Mr J. M. Potter

Sir, Your obituary of Lord Ridley of Liddesdale (March 6) mentions "his native Cumbria", but your Diary on the same day refers to "Ridley the Northumbrian". If he was a Cumbrian, *then he had a claim to* Liddesdale; for the south bank of the lower Liddle, and his home there, are in that county.

But if he was a Northumbrian, then there is some force in the Scots' *complaint; for nowhere is there* a Northumbrian bank: upstream from Kershopefoot the Liddle runs entirely through Scotland, through Liddesdale proper as some Scots may see it.

I raise this controversy in Lord *Ridley's memory, believing that it* would have pleased him.

Yours faithfully,
J. M. POTTER,
Myredykes, Newcastleton,
Liddesdale, Roxburghshire.

Knowing the score

From Professor Sir William Asscher

Sir, I am probably not alone in wishing to be briefed before going to the theatre, ballet, opera or a concert.

Why cannot managements as a routine issue programmes with tickets *booked in advance? This would avoid* the irritation of trying to read them in semi-darkness whilst performances are in progress.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM ASSCHER
(Dean), St George's Hospital Medical School,
Cranmer Terrace, SW17.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 11: The Hon David Gore-Booth was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Riyadh.

Mrs Gore-Booth was also received by The Queen.

Mr Justice Singer was received by The Queen upon his appointment as a Justice of the High Court when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Bachelor.

His Excellency Mr Stephen Chiketa and Mrs Chiketa were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for the Republic of Zimbabwe in London.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 11: The Prince of Wales received the Minister for Trade (Mr Richard Needham, MP) and Mr Stephen Day (Senior British Trade Commissioner, Hong Kong) at St James's Palace.

His Royal Highness, Patron, Project DARC Star Territorial Army Everest Expedition and the Reserve Forces Ulysses Trust, later attended a Presentation, the Royal Geographical Society, 1 Kensington Gore, London, SW7.

The Prince of Wales, Royal Bencher, Gray's Inn, this evening attended a Student Reception and Presentation in the Hall, Gray's Inn, London, WC1.

Commander Robert Fraser, RN, was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 11: The Princess of Wales this morning visited Chiswick Family Rescue, Chiswick, London, W4.

Mr Patrick Jephson was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 11: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, United Response, this evening attended the 20th Anniversary Launch Reception at the Imperial War Museum, London, SE1.

Mrs David Napier was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales will visit the London Clinic at 10.15: and, as President of the Royal Naval Film Corporation, will attend the annual meeting and luncheon on board HMS *Marlborough* at 11.45.

Memorial service

Mr Anthony Huxley
A celebration of the life of Mr Anthony Huxley was held yesterday at St Anne's, Kew Green. Canon Peter McCrory officiated and read the lesson. Mr Francis Huxley, brother, read "Afterwards" by Thomas Hardy. Sir Andrew Huxley, OM, Mr Fred Whitsey, gardening correspondent, *The Daily Telegraph*, and Sir David Attenborough gave addresses.

Birthdays today

Sir Antony Acland, diplomat, 63; Dr Giovanni Agnelli, chairman, Fiat Group, 72; Mr R.I.J. Agnew, former chairman, Consolidated Gold Fields, 59; Mr Edward Albee, dramatist, 65; Mr R.E. Alley, artist, 67; Mrs Virginia Bottomley, MP, 45; Mr Norbert Brainin, former leader, Amadeus Quartet, 70; Sir Geoffrey de Bellaigue, Director of the Royal Collection, 62; Mr Willie Duggan, rugby player, 43; Mr John Gross, writer, 58; Mr Philip Jones, principal, Trinity College of Music, 65; Mr A.D. Loehnis, banker, 57; Mr David Mellor, QC, MP, 44; Miss Liza Minnelli, actress and singer, 47; Mr David Mlinaric, interior designer, 54; Sir Tom Normanton, former MP, 76; Mr Patrick Procktor, painter, 57; Viscount Trenchard, 42; Miss Elizabeth Vaughan, soprano, 56; Mr Paul Way, golfer, 30; Mr David O. Williams, trades unionist, 67; Mr David Wilmot, chief constable, Greater Manchester, 50.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Aubrey, antiquary, Easton Pierse, Wiltshire, 1626; Sir Richard Steele, essayist, Dublin, baptised this day 1672; George Berkeley, Bishop of Cloyne, Dysert Castle, Kilkenny, 1685; Thomas Arne, composer, London, 1710; Lady Hester Stanhope, traveller and eccentric, Chevening, Kent, 1776; William Buckland, geologist and clergyman, Tiverton, 1784; John Frederic Daniell, chemist, London, 1790; Gustav Kirchoff, chemist, Kaliningrad, Russia, 1824; John Lawrence Toole, actor-manager, London, 1832; Sir William Perkin, inventor of artifical dye, London, 1838; Gabriele D'Annunzio, poet, dramatist and nationalist, Pescara, Italy, 1863; W.H.R. Rivers, anthropologist, Luton, near Chatham, 1864; Kemal Ataturk, 1st President of Turkey 1923-38, Salonika, 1881; Vaslav Nijinsky, ballet dancer and choreographer, Kiev, 1890; Jack Kerouac, novelist, Lowell, Massachusetts, 1922.

DEATHS: St Gregory, Pope 590-604, Rome, 604; Alessandro Magnasco, painter, Genoa, 1749; Hilaire, Comte de Chardonnet, pioneer of rayon, Paris, 1924; Sun Yat-Sen, President of the Republic of China 1911-12, Peking, 1925; Ivar Kreuger, financier, the "Match King", committed suicide, Paris, 1932; Sir William Henry Bragg, physicist, Nobel laureate 1915, London, 1942; Anne Frank, diarist, Belsen concentration camp, 1945; Heinrich Mann, novelist, California, 1950.

Mahatma Gandhi began a 300-mile protest march from Ahmedabad to the sea, 1930.

Lecture

Royal Society
Sir John Vane delivered the annual Croonian lecture to the Royal Society last night at 6 Carlton House Terrace. Sir Michael Atiyah, OM, president, was in the chair.

PETER TREVNOR



Local artists paint Wychbury Hill, the reputed burial place of King Arthur, which is threatened by plans for a six-lane road. Seven women artists have recorded some of England's most beautiful countryside in the hope their work will stop construction of the Kidderminster, Blakedown and Hagley bypass (Tim Jones writes).

The women moved along the proposed route of the £115-million road through Hereford and Worcester in all weathers to capture the changing scenes and moods of the countryside they fear could be ruined. A tunnel is planned for Wychbury Hill. Yesterday, they exhibited their work in Kidderminster and hoped local people would be outraged by the prospect of the destruction of the scenery that inspired James Thomson to write "Rule Britannia".

Helen Petit, one of the painters who have termed themselves the Village Artists, said: "We decided to use our skills to draw people's attention to the beauty that will be ruined by what we class as a motorway. This area has been the inspiration of poets and is still an inspiration today. We want to raise people's awareness and hope the plans will eventually be shelved."

Tim Weller, another protester said: "The proposal is monstrous. Hagley Park is grade I historic parkland and blasting a hole through Wychbury Hill is like blasting a hole in Windsor Castle."

Thomson is said to have written the tune for "Rule Britannia" in 1740 after drawing his inspiration from the views from the Clent Hills.

The transport department says the bypass is needed to cope with growing traffic problems and a public enquiry is to be held. Earlier this week, more than 300 people held a meeting to voice opposition.

University news

Cambridge
King's College
The following have been elected into junior unofficial fellowships in the annual internal research fellowship competition: Anthony Quas for four years from October 1, Adrian Mark Gregory for four years from April 1.

London
Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine
Dr Paul G. Wallace to be the first David Cohen Professor of Primary Health Care.

Queen's, Belfast
Appointments
To a senior lectureship/consultancy in Ophthalmology - Dr Olivia Earley
To a senior lectureship/consultancy in Geriatric Medicine - Dr Anthony Peter Passmore
Lectureships: In Property Law - Dr James Alan Dowling; In Social Anthropology - Dr Harvey Whitehouse; In Sociology - Dr Sarah Ann Mary Shortall; In Management Accounting - Michael Pogue; In Financial Accounting - Patricia Anne McCourt; In European Commercial Law - Helen Xanthaki; In Social Work - Dr Karola Dillenburger; In Psychology - Dr Alexander Dimitrii Logvinenko; In Agricultural and Food Economics - James Duncan Anderson and Seamus Anthony McErlean; In Human Geography - Dr Ian George Shuttleworth.
Distinctions
The Chancellor of Queen's, Sir David Orr, is to be awarded the honorary degree of LLD from the National University of Ireland on April 22.
Duncan Burns, Professor of Analytical Chemistry, has been awarded the 20th SAC Gold Medal of the Royal Society of Chemistry, its Analytical Division's most prestigious award. Ingrid Allen, Professor of Neuropathology, has been appointed to the Medical Committee of the Higher Education Funding Council as a Northern Ireland representative.
Jean Orr, Professor of Nursing Studies, has been elected by the Nurses and Health Visitors in Northern Ireland to the United Kingdom Central Council for Nurses, Midwives, and Health Visitors, from 1993 to 1998.
Professor Emeritus Sir Bernard Crossland has received the Kelvin Medal of the Institution of Civil Engineers and is to receive the Honorary Fellowship of the Institution of Engineers.
Garth McClure, Professor of Neonatal Medicine, has been appointed President of the British Association of Perinatal Medicine, from September 1, 1993.
The title of Professor Emeritus has been conferred on Dr Brian McFerran, Professor of Veterinary Science at Queen's from 1987 to 1991.

Grants worth over £2.1m have been announced. They include:
Institute of Computer Based Learning: Dr F McBride, £870,000 (Department of Education, NI), *UFC Teaching and learning technology programme.*
Finance & Information and Mechanical & Process Engineering: Professor W A Taylor, Mr W R Murphy, £114,742 over three years (Science and Engineering Research Council), £38,407 (Wilsanco Plastics), *Teaching Company programme between Wilsanco Plastics and Queen's.*
School of Mathematics and Physics: Professor D S F Crothers, Professor P G Burke, Professor A E Kingston, Professor A Hibbert, Dr K L Bell, Dr P H Norrington, Dr R H G Reid, Dr M R H Rudge, Dr D G Thompson, Dr H R J Walters, £675,662 over four years (Science and Engineering Research Council), *A rolling programme of research in theoretical atomic and molecular physics at QUB 1992-96.*

Stowe School

Stowe School announces the following awards for 1993:
Major Scholarship: Roy Chambers, Winchester House, Brackley.
Minor Scholarship: Nicholas Salter, Lockers Park, Hemel Hempstead.
Exhibition: Simon Post, Winchester House, Brackley.
Humanities Exhibition: Alexander Etherington-Smith, Papplewick, Ascot.
Sixth Form Scholarships: Chaerin Lee, Felixstowe, Suffolk; Sarah McBeath, St Leonards, Fife; Claudia Rooney, Royal Latin, Buckingham.
Sixth Form Art Award: Chelser Clark, St Edmund's, Canterbury.
Sixth Form Music Award: Caroline Ricketts, Royal Latin, Buckingham.
Major Music Scholarship: Thomas Gentry, Christ Church Cathedral School, Oxford.
Music Scholarship: Ambrose Dudley, Beechwood Park, St Albans.
Minor Music Scholarship: William Skidmore, Beechwood Park, St Albans.
Roxburgh Scholarships: Mark Denning, Papplewick, Ascot; Thomas Sleater, Nevill Holt, Market Harborough; Robert White, Spratton Hall, Northampton.
Art Scholarship: Daniel Watson, Eagle House, Camberley.
Art Exhibition: Charles Bingham, Brambletye, East Grinstead.
Special Art Prize: Fred Jones, Audley House, Bicester.

Service dinner

Mounted Infantry Club
The annual dinner of the Mounted Infantry Club was held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club. General Sir Frank Kitson, presided. Sir Nicholas Bonsor, MP, and Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Wilkes were the guests.

Church news

The Rt Rev John Satterthwaite, Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe, is to retire as from September 30.

Appointments
The Rev Brian Benison, Vicar, Denton: to be Vicar, St Mary, Blyth (Newcastle)
The Rev Michael Bennett, Incumbent, Alveley and Quatt (Hereford): to be Assistant Chaplain, YC Centre, Glen Parva (Leicester)
The Rev David Bliss, Assistant Curate, Christ Church, Burntwood, and part-time Chaplain, St Matthew's Hospital, Burntwood (Lichfield): to be Rector, Todwick, St Peter and St Paul (Sheffield)
The Rev Ian Carter, Chaplain to Liverpool University: to be Vicar, St Peter, Hindley (Liverpool)
The Rev Bob Coles, Curate, St Laurence-in-Thanet: to be Priest-in-charge, St Nicholas-at-Wade w Sarre and Chislet w Hoath (Canterbury)
The Rev Canon Chad Coussmaker, Chaplain, St Boniface, Antwerp, Belgium: to be Chaplain, St Andrew's, Moscow, Russia
The Rev William Craft, Assistant Curate, Werrington (Peterborough): to be Priest-in-charge, Conventional District of St Leonard, Norfolk Park (Sheffield)
The Rev Canon John Davies, Team Rector, Malvern Link w Cowleigh: to be Vicar, Bromsgrove, St John (Worcester)
The Rev Richard Dormandy, Curate, Holy Trinity, Sydenham: to be Vicar, Holy Trinity, Sydenham (Southwark)
The Rev Frank Hackett, Industrial Chaplain to the Port of London and Priest-in-charge, North Ockenden: to be *also* a non-residentiary Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral (Chelmsford)
The Rev Jeffrey Hayward, Chaplain to Chelmsford Prison, and Rural Dean of Chelmsford: to be *also* a non-residentiary Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral (Chelmsford)
The Rev Richard Hems, Rector, Framingham Earl, Poringland w Howe, and an Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral: *also* already appointed Priest-in-charge, Bixley (Norwich)
The Rev Timothy Herbert: to be Priest-in-charge, Thaington and Diocesan Director of Ordinands (Canterbury)
The Rev Richard Higginbottom, Vicar, Hayfield (Derby): to be Consultant for the North West of England for the Church Pastoral Aid Society
The Rev Kenneth E Jones, Rector All Hallows, Harthill, and Vicar, St Peter's, Thorpe Salvin: to be Vicar, Holy Trinity, Millhouses (Sheffield).
The Rev Roy Kilford, Rector, Mersham w Hinxhill, and Priest-in-charge, Sevington: to be Vicar, Reculver and Herne Bay St Bartholomew (Canterbury).
The Rev James Lawrence, Curate, Barr Hill Local Ecumenical Project (Ely): to be an evangelist with the Church Pastoral Aid Society
The Rev Dr Paul Moore, Assistant Curate, St Andrew's, Oxford (Oxford): to be Vicar, St Andrew, Kildwick (Bradford)
The Rev Dr David Parker, Tutor at the Queen's College, Birmingham: to be lecturer in New Testament, University of Birmingham (Birmingham)
The Rev Desmond Sherlock, Vicar St Nicolas, Witham: to be *also* a non-residentiary Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral (Chelmsford)
The Rev Peter Sills, Vicar, Holy Trinity, Barnes: to be Vicar, St Mark, Woodcote, Purley (Southwark).

Luncheon

HM Government
Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Minister for Overseas Development, was host yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House for Mrs Helle Degn, Danish Minister for Development Co-operation.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.T. Alexander and Miss S. Fox
The engagement is announced between Christopher, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Frank Alexander, of Home Farm, Crowborough, Sussex, and Susan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Fox, of Holmwood House, Crowborough, Sussex.

Mr S.F.C. Eaton and Miss S.J. Purkis
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of the late Colonel C.F. Eaton, OBE, RTR, and of Mrs P. Gooding, of Sarratt, Hertfordshire, and Sarah, daughter of the late Mr P.L. Purkis and of Mrs Purkis, of London, W1.

Mr W.L.B. Harries and Miss K.M.M. Roberts
The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr John Harries, of Castle Cary, Somerset, and Mrs Max Hughes, of Bourton, Dorset, and Kate, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Roberts, of Hungerford, Berkshire.

Mr A.R.F. Hodge and Miss V.S. Turner
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs David Hodge, of Cockfield, Suffolk, and Victoria, daughter of Mr Francis Turner and Mrs Victoria Jackson-Pownall, of Norfolk, Virginia, and Seillans, France.

Mr F.H.I. Austen and Mrs P.M.V. Honeyman
The engagement is announced between Francis Austen, of Heathfield, and Penelope Honeyman, née Cleveland-Stevens, of Faringdon.

Dr W.S. McKane and Miss L.A. Bett
The engagement is announced between William, son of Professor and Mrs William McKane, of St Andrews, Fife, and Lucy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Bett, of Otford, Kent.

Dr A-P.T. Mayer and Miss V.A. Jones
The engagement is announced between Anton-Paul, only son of Mr and Mrs B.R. Mayer, of Epping, Essex, and Valerie, second daughter of Mr and Mrs D.H. Jones, of Hartlepool, Cleveland.

Marriage

Mr E.D. Glover and Mrs J.C.V. Rambaut
The marriage took place on Thursday, March 11, at Chelsea Register Office of Mr Edward Glover, son of Mrs Olga Glover and the late Mr Daniel Glover, of Kensington, W8, to Mrs Juliet Rambaut, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Paterson-Morgan, of Duntisbourne Abbots, Gloucestershire.

Buckingham Palace luncheon

The Queen, with the Prince Edward, yesterday held a luncheon party at Buckingham Palace. The guests were:
Miss Joanna Lumley (actress), the Rev Kathleen Richardson (President of the Methodist Conference), Sir Norman Foster (architect), Mr Marc de Leval (consultant cardiothoracic surgeon, Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street), Mr Brian Pitman (chief executive, Lloyds Bank plc), Dr Jonathan Sacks (Chief Rabbi), Mr Anthony Smith (president, Magdalen College, Oxford) and Sir Peter Yarranton (chairman, the Sports Council).

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Woe betide him who builds his palace on unfairness and completes its roof-chambers with injustice, compelling his countrymen to work without payment...
Jeremiah 22:13

BIRTHS

CAIRNS - On 7th March, to Juliet (née Palmer) and Hugh, a son, Oliver David Andrew.

CANNON - On 27th February 1993 to Gillian (née Bayes) and Jonathan, a son *Benjamin Eli Meir*

CHANDLER - On 6th March, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Elisabeth (née Higgins) and Christopher, a son, Henry Lloyd

CORETH - On March 7th, to Seonaid (née Goodbody) and Mark, a daughter, Anna Mary, a sister for Jamie and Susie.

COTTER - On 26th February, to Carole and Jim, a son, David, a brother for Nicola and Caroline.

GOURLAY - On 20th February, in Kentucky, to Sara (née Cliff) and Nigel, a brother for James and Alastair, David Timothy.

HALL - On March 9th 1993, to Marion (née Wall) and Joe, a son, Daniel Charles, a brother for Emilie and John.

KENNEDY - On March 5th, to Angela (née Caustin) and Martyn, a daughter, Alice Charlotte, a sister to Alexander.

SAUL RADUNSKI and Helen McBride are delighted to announce the birth of our son Milo, born at Melbourne on 2nd March. Mother and child both fine and happy.

SHENTON - On March 10th at the Wellington Hospital, to Pauline and Alan, a son, Daniel, a brother for Christopher

WALKER - On March 8th, to Rosey (née Tuck) and Adrian, a daughter.

DEATHS

BAINES - On 8th March 1993, peacefully in hospital, Rita Mary M.B.E. of Great Linford, Milton Keynes. A dearly loved sister and aunt. Funeral Service on Tuesday 16th March 1993 at 12.30pm at Crownhill Crematorium, Milton Keynes. Flowers may be sent to H.W. Mason & Sons, 9 High Street, Newport Pagnell, Milton Keynes.

BELL - On March 9th at Basingstoke Hospital, Mark, much loved husband of Rosemary and father of Harley and Anthony. Funeral private, no letters please.

BOUNDY - On Wednesday March 10th, Harold Cann aged 90. Loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He will be greatly missed by his large family and many friends. Funeral Service at Putney Vale Crematorium at 12 noon on Thursday 18th March 1993. Family flowers only, but donations if desired, to The Friends of Queen Mary's University Hospital, Roehampton.

BOWLBY - Edward Francis Salvin, dearly loved husband of Susan and father of Tommy and Joanne, after an illness at Princess Grace Hospital on Thursday 11th March. Funeral private. Memorial Service to be announced later.

BOWRING - On 9th March 1993, peacefully, Frederick Beakbane, aged 78. Loving husband of Edith, father of Jean, Scott and Ann, grandfather to Nicholas, Suzie, Thomas, Rosemary, Paul and Ben. Cremation private. A Service of Thanksgiving to be arranged later. Donations to Hospice at Home, Allen Gardiner House, Pembury Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN2 3QU.

CRANFIELD - Peacefully in hospital on March 10th, Maggie, of Wells, Somerset. Much loved mother of Michael and David. Requiem Mass to be held at the St Joseph and St Teresa's Church, Chamberlain Street, Wells, on Monday March 15th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired for Wells Cathedral Restoration Fund to Messrs P.J Harris Funeral Directors, 2 Cross Street, Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset, tel: (0278) 782886.

FAVELL - On March 10th at home, Cicily Evelyn (née Hudson). Dearly loved mother of Susan and Angela, sister of Roland, grandmother of James, Christopher and Simon. Beloved by her late husband Cyril, all her family and friends. Funeral, March 17th 1.45 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Marie Stopes Int., c/o Funeral Directors E.R. Hickmott, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells.

FEHR - On March 10th, Jeannette Emilie of Wimbledon, in Galsworthy House Nursing Home. Much loved sister of Edith, Basil and Gwen, and dear aunt J to her many nieces, nephews and friends. Funeral Service on Tuesday March 16th at St Mary's Church, Arthur Road, Wimbledon at 3 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to St Raphael's Hospice, St Anthony's Hospital, 801 London Road, Cheam. Enquiries to Mears and Cotterill, 169 Merton Road, Wandsworth, SW18, tel: (081) 874-7698.

FISHER - On March 11th, peacefully at Luton and South Beds Hospice, Nancy, widow of John, dearly loved mother of Susan and Barbara and dearest gran to Neil, Antony, Matthew and Robert. Family Service at West Herts Crematorium on Friday March 19th at 12.15 pm. followed by a Thanksgiving Service at High Street Methodist Church, Harpenden at 2.45 pm. Enquiries to L.C. Weston Funeral Directors No.25, 17 Leyton Road, Harpenden, Herts, tel: (0582) 712865.

GREGORY - Melville, on March 10th, quietly at Cromwell Nursing Home, Huntingdon. Much missed husband, father, grandfather and gentleman. Funeral on Monday March 15th at Cambridge Crematorium at 2.45 pm.

HALL - On March 9th 1993, Christine aged 86 years. Much loved wife of the late Geoffrey, mother of Christopher and Elaine and grandmother. Funeral Service at Eridge Church on Friday March 19th at 11.30am. Family flowers only, but donations for Care Foundation Hospice at Home may be sent to Paul Bysouth Funeral Services, Crowborough, tel: (0892) 655000.

HAMILTON BLACK - On her 103rd birthday, 8th March, at Bexhill-on-Sea, Marguerite Elgiva, known as Margot Hamilton, FRGS, actress and playwright, daughter of Colonel, His Honour Judge Hans Hamilton and Mrs Hamilton MBE, widow of William Dunn Black of Auchentoshan, Dunbarton. Service of Remembrance at St Peter's Parish Church, Bexhill, at 12 noon on April 3rd. No flowers. Friends may care to send donations to The Cancer Help Centre, Cornwallis Grove, Clifton, Bristol.

HAY - Jamie Beckford of Merton. Passed away peacefully in his sleep on Sunday March 7th. God rest his soul. Funeral Private. Donations only to The Rowcroft Hospice, Avenue Road, Torquay, Devon TQ2 5LS.

JOHNSON - On Tuesday March 9th, Julia Mary (née Ledbury) aged 39 years. Wife of Michael, eldest daughter of Judith and Reg and a loving sister and auntie, having lost her 5 year battle against cancer. Funeral Service at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on Wednesday March 17th at 12 noon. No flowers please but donations for the Dorothy House Foundation c/o C.S. Bowyer Ltd., 5 Church Street, Bradford-on-Avon.

JOHNSON - Dr. William Arthur ("Johnny") on 11th March 1993 peacefully at home in his 80th year; loved so very much by his wife Susie, his sons Peter, Clive and Michael, his daughters-in-law Judi, Gill and Claire and his seven grandchildren. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium on Monday 15th March 1993 at 12.45.

MACKIE - On March 9th, at The Princess of Wales Hospital, Doreen Maes-Y-Gwaelod Pencoed, dearly beloved wife of the late L.E.J. (Mac), a much loved mother of Ian, Katrina and daughter-in-law Judith, a loving nanny of Kathryn, Alistair, Neil and Edward. Funeral Monday March 15th, service and cremation at Mid Glamorgan Crematorium at 2 pm, where friends please meet. Family flowers only by request. Enquiries to Mel Watkins, tel: (0656) 860545.

MICHELLE - On 12th February, in the Seychelles, Auguste and Dorothy (née Howes, Oxford). Beloved parents of Rodney and Aubrey. Donations if desired to own charity.

PIKE - On 10th March peacefully aged 87 years, Lt. Gen. Sir William Gregory Huddleston Pike K.C.B. C.B.E. D.S.O. Colonel Commandant Royal Artillery, much loved husband of Josephine, devoted father of Melissa, Judy and Hew, also a beloved grandfather. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Bentley, Hampshire, on Thursday 18th March at 3pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Bentley Church Fabric Fund, c/o Kemp & Stevens, 93 High Street, Alton, Hants.

SHERRIFF - On 9th March 1993 died suddenly but peacefully, John Alexander (Alick), much loved husband of Sue and father of Patrick, Neil and James. Cremation family only, followed by a Thanksgiving Service at 2.30pm in St John's Kirk of Perth on Tuesday 16th March.

SINCLAIR - Peacefully at home Balmalcolm, Collace, on 11th March 1993, after a long illness borne cheerfully with courage and dignity. Jean Stella Sinclair, much loved wife of Donald, mother of Jeannie, Jamie and Kate and a loving gran. Funeral private. Service of Thanksgiving at Collace Church on Tuesday 16th March at 3 pm to which all friends are invited. No flowers please, donations in lieu may be made at the church door to the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.

SLEE - On March 8th 1993, Eric, in his 86th year, of Nazeing. Funeral has taken place.

ST JOHN-BROOKS - William Hope Stanislaus M.R.C.S., F.R.C.P. On March 9th at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, aged 78. A wonderful husband, father and grandfather, greatly loved by everyone. Cremation at Amersham Crematorium on Wednesday 24th March at 12 noon. Donations if wished to Alzheimers Disease Society.

TRIMBLE - On March 8th, Patrick, suddenly at home. Father of Christopher and Camilla, grandfather of Caroline and Victoria. Will be greatly missed by his many friends. Funeral Service at St John's Church, Hatch Beauchamp, Wednesday 17th March at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Staple Fitzpaine and District Branch of The Royal British Legion c/o Leonard Smith, 1 Haydon Road, Taunton, Somerset TA1 1SY.

VIVIAN - On 10th March 1993, Violet (Vi) Clinton (née Holme), wife of Robert (Bobby) Vivian of Les Landes, St Mary, Jersey. Funeral private by request. No flowers or letters please.

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OBITUARIES

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SIR WILLIAM PIKE

Lieutenant-General Sir William Pike, KCB, CBE, DSO, Vice-Chief of the Imperial General Staff, 1960-63, died on March 10 aged 87. He was born on June 24, 1905.



WILLIAM ("Willie") Pike will be remembered in military circles for his *sang-froid* as Director of Staff Duties in the War Office at the time of the Suez crisis in 1956. Later, in retirement from the Army, he was respected for his untiring efforts as Commissioner-in-Chief and Chief Commander of St John's Ambulance Brigade in the 1960s and 1970s.

As Director of Staff Duties for Suez he was the General Staff director responsible for the organisation and executive deployment of the Army and its reserves. The call-up of reserves and the mobilisation and deployment of the corps-sized "Musketeer" Force for the Suez operation were major tasks in themselves. But, when political shilly-shallying and misjudgments were added, the task of the DSD became one for the exercise of calmness, patience and forebearing. It is to "Willie" Pike's great credit that no organisational disasters occurred. Had there been the political will to complete the operation, the necessary military resources were certainly there to do so, thanks to his foresight and organisational skill.

William Gregory Huddleston Pike was the son of Captain Sydney Royston Pike, Royal Artillery. His younger brother, Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Thomas Pike, became Chief of Air Staff in the early 1960s. William Pike was educated at Bedford School, Marlborough College and the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, before being commissioned into the Royal Artillery in 1925.

His early days in the Army were spent with field artillery brigades in England and India, and he was a student on the last full course at the Staff College, Camberley, before the outbreak of the second world war. His first operational experience came as Commanding Officer of 77th Field Regiment RA (formerly an Argyll and Sutherland Highlander TA battalion) in the 4th Division during the Tunisian and Italian Campaigns of 1943 in which he won his DSO. Early in 1944 he returned to England where he commanded an officer cadet training unit until the beginning of 1945.

He then went out to India where he commanded the 59th Army Group Royal Artillery before being appointed Commander Royal Artillery to the 2nd Indian Airborne Division. Here he much endeared himself to the troops under his command (as well as gaining their complete respect) by leading the way in demonstration parachute jumps himself, although he was by that time over 40 and had no previous experience. The example of the commander greatly heartened his soldiers who were, at that time, in the process of converting to an airborne role which was new to them.

Pike went back to the Staff College as Colonel of "A" Division in 1947 before becoming the Deputy Director of Military Operations in the War Office at the outbreak of the Korean War in 1950. He was a very popular choice as Commander Royal Artillery of the Commonwealth Division for the last two years' fighting in Korea, when the line had stabilised and it had become a gunner's war. His down-to-earth, commonsense approach appealed to the Canadian and New Zealand as well as British gunners. On one occasion his guns and mortars brought down overwhelming fire — 8,000 shells and 4,000 mortar bombs — on a Chinese attack that had seemed at first seriously to threaten positions held by the 1st Royal Canadian Regiment.

Moreover, a period that he had spent in Washington on the Joint Staff Mission in 1941, and his support of American troops during the Italian campaign in 1943, helped him to establish equally happy relationships with supporting American artillery commanders. Indeed, shortly before he left Korea in November 1952 one of the last tasks of the Commonwealth artillery was to come to the aid of the 1st US Marine Division, which was heavily attacked on the night of October 26-27. The enemy captured two outposts and for 12 hours actually occupied the main defence line. On that occasion heavy fire, directed by the Commonwealth division's artillery on the enemy, was of great help to the Americans and enabled them eventually to regain the lost ground and restore the situation completely. Pike was appointed CBE and awarded the American Legion of Merit for his services in Korea.

After a year at the Imperial Defence college in 1953, he was appointed Director of Staff Duties as a major-general, a post that he was holding at the time of the Suez crisis. The air of calm he brought to an always fraught situation was of inestimable value. He was appointed CB for his services at Suez.

As the dust of Suez settled, Pike became Chief of Staff, Far East Land Forces and helped to wind up the final phases of the prolonged anti-terrorist campaign in Malaya. Brought back to London in 1960 to become Vice-Chief of the Imperial General Staff (at the time when his brother was Chief of Air Staff), he was faced with the military repercussions of Macmillan's "wind of change" speeches and the early phases of the withdrawal from Empire — the intervention in Kuwait in 1961, the Brunei rebellion, the confrontation with Indonesia in 1962-3, and the fighting in the Aden Protectorate, which had started just before he retired towards the end of 1963.

After his retirement, he devoted his time to the St John's Ambulance Brigade. He was Commissioner-in-Chief from 1967 to 1973 and Chief Commander — a new post which he created — from 1969 to 1975. He was a popular and effective leader, well liked for being so easy to work with. On finally standing down as Chief Commander, he reciprocated this affection, re-enlisting as an ordinary member and continuing to work for the brigade and regularly turning out for such occasions as the New Year's Eve celebrations in Trafalgar Square.

He also continued his association with his beloved gunners as Colonel Commandant, RA; Colonel of the Lowland Regiment RA (TA); and as a member of the Honourable Royal Artillery Company. He was Lieutenant of the Tower of London from 1963 to 1966.

He married Josephine (Josie), daughter of Major-General R. H. D. Tompson, in 1939. She and their son and two daughters survive him.

TONY HARRIS

Terence Anthony (Tony) Harris, who represented South Africa in both rugby and cricket, died on March 7 aged 76. He was born in Kimberley on August 27, 1916.

TONY Harris was the last man to be a double Springbok. He was a precocious sportsman, riding at the age of three and shooting at five. At seven he was driving a lorry. His international rugby career was interrupted by the second world war, but ten years after his first rugby Test he made his cricket Test debut against England at Trent Bridge.

He was a brilliant stand-off half. His partnership with scrum half Danie Craven was famous. Craven said of him when both men had long retired: "Whenever I or any other scrum half threw the ball, be it high or low, behind or well in front of him, he had the uncanny knack of being able to take the pass. Tony had fly-paper hands". Harris was a running stand-off half, and much deprecated the conservative habit — common to modern stand-offs, too — of constantly kicking for touch. He was quick off the mark and adept at finding gaps.

As a cricketer he was similarly adventurous, an aggressive right-handed batsman, and agile as a fielder.

Harris was educated at the Christian Brothers' College, Kimberley, and in 1935 moved to Johannesburg where he played rugby for the Pirates and cricket for the Wanderers. In 1937 he was not proposed by his club for the selection trials for the impending Test tour of Australia and New Zealand, but was individually selected by the rugby authorities. Thus began his first association with Craven. At that time the style for South African stand-off halves was essentially conservative. But Harris broke out of this straitjacket with his constant running and grubber kicking. Nevertheless, the selectors on the tour declined to pick him, for the first game, preferring even to put Craven in at stand-off. But in the second game they took a chance and the rest of the tour became a South African triumph. It was the only time the Springboks have won a Test series against New Zealand in New Zealand.

In 1938 Harris played in all three Tests against the touring British Isles in South Africa, but those were his last international games. He next represented his country as a Spitfire pilot in the South African Air Force, flying in the European theatre. He was shot down and baled out over the Adriatic. Rescued from the sea, he spent the rest of the war in an Italian PoW camp. His wartime experience gave him a fear of flying, and he rarely stepped aboard an aeroplane thereafter.

His speed had been his greatest asset as a rugby player, and feeling he had lost it during the war, he turned to cricket. At his Test debut on tour in England in 1947 he scored 60 runs, and played in one other Test on that tour. His last Test was in 1948 against the touring England team in South Africa.

In retirement from cricket he worked as, first, South African agent and then South African manager for the sportswear firm Adidas. He is survived by his wife Betty, a daughter and two sons.

DAVID FAULKNER

David James Faulkner, soldier and solicitor, died, following a heart attack, on March 4 aged 60. He was born on November 8, 1932.

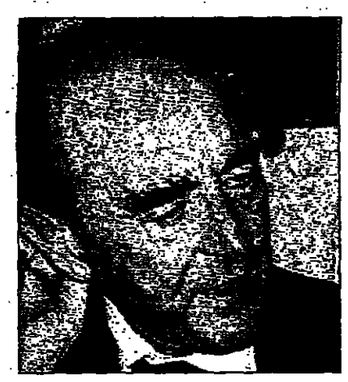
DAVID FAULKNER started out in life by being twice bereaved. His father, Colonel W.D. "Faulks" Faulkner was killed while commanding the 1st Battalion of the Irish Guards during the ill-fated Norwegian expedition of the spring of 1940. Four years later his stepfather, Colonel David Scrymgeour-Wedderburn, whom his mother, Patricia (née Montagu Douglas Scott), had married after the death of her first husband, was killed at Anzio while in command of the 1st Battalion of the Scots Guards.

It was hardly a happy beginning to life for any small boy and David Faulkner always looked back on the time when he arrived, aged 14, at Birkhill in Fife as the moment when his life really began. By then his mother had married, for the third time, Jim Scrymgeour-Wedderburn, her second husband's brother and later the 11th Earl of Dundee. Eventually, at Birkhill, David was to find himself the oldest of a family of five children. He was educated at Eton and Christ Church, where he was president of the Bullingdon Club and Master of the Oxford Drag Hunt.

Commissioned in 1955 into the Irish Guards, his father's old regiment, he served in Cyprus, Aden, Germany and Hong Kong. He became second-in-command of his battalion in 1969, a post which he held until his retirement in 1971. He played polo for his regiment and, as a young subaltern on a voyage between Port Said and Liverpool in 1956, delighted all ranks on the troopship with his virtually non-stop playing of the piano. He had a genuine love of music which, when he discussed it, made even his non-musical friends feel that they enjoyed it.

After Faulkner's retirement from the Army came the one unconventional step in what until then had been a fairly orthodox career. At the age of more than 40 he took the Law Society's exams and qualified as a solicitor. He set up in practice in Oxford with a partner, specialising in routine family business but also taking on personal injury cases, often with little hope of adequate recompense. He was widely trusted and relied upon by all those with the good sense to instruct him. They found in him the same qualities he had shown in the Army — a total disregard for himself and a loyalty, even a dedication, to the interests of others.

He is survived by his wife Victoria and four sons and a daughter.



ISHIRO HONDA

Ishiro Honda, Japanese film director, died in Tokyo on February 28 aged 81. He was born in 1912.

ALTHOUGH best known in Japan as the creator of the mythical creature Godzilla, Honda was happy to spend most of his professional life as the right-hand man and assistant director to "the master" of Japanese cinema, Akira Kurosawa.

Together they worked on such films as *Kagemusha* (1980, Shadow Warrior), *Yume* (1990, Dreams) and the award-winning *Ran* (1985, Rebellion), an adaptation of *King Lear* which substituted sons for daughters. Honda was most recently employed in filming Kurosawa's *Madadayo*, translating poignantly as "Not yet".

After graduating from Nihon University, Honda joined PCL, an organisation dedicated to the development of talking picture techniques, where he first met Kurosawa. After the war, he shot devastating footage of the ruins of Tokyo for Kurosawa's *Stray Dog*. He made his first feature film, the hauntingly beautiful *Aoi Shinju* (Blue Pearl), in 1951.

It was Honda's part in the development of the great disaster films of the 1950s, however, that won him celebrity status. Godzilla first burst onto an unsuspecting Japanese public in 1954, when Honda directed the kitsch and entertaining *Gojira*. Playing on Japanese fears surrounding American nuclear testing at Bikini Atoll, Godzilla was a mutant reptile grown to enormous size through exposure to radiation.

The Japanese took the curiously appealing monster to heart and columns of newsprint were dedicated to its deeper cultural significance. Inevitable sequels included *King Kong vs Godzilla* and *Godzilla and the Smog Machine*, but Honda had, by this time, left the helm of the Godzilla industry and returned to serious film, assisting Kurosawa.

ANNETTE MASSIE

Annette Massie, a propagandist for some of the most important developments in dance in Britain, died in London on February 19 aged 67. She was born in Sydney, New South Wales, on November 5, 1925.

CHANCE brought Annette Massie at the right time to the place where she made a vital contribution to the great changes in British dance during the 1950s and 1960s. She was working in public relations when her close friend, Elizabeth West, decided, jointly with Peter Darrell, to launch Western Theatre Ballet.

The intention was to be revolutionary in two respects. Based in Bristol (where West had connections with the Old Vic), it was the first important British company to make its home outside London, which had some economic benefits. More important, the founders were dedicated to the idea of making classical ballet more dramatic and tackling themes then unknown in dance, although treated freely in plays and films, including murder, adultery and homosexuality.

To succeed, the company needed to extract the utmost publicity from this, but make it clear that the result was serious art, not sensationalism. Nobody could have managed this better than Annette Massie, who became the company's publicist. She had a great gift for sharing her own genuine enthusiasms. She knew how to recruit the support of dance critics who had grown tired of the more conventional approach usual at that time. Equally, she could convince a provincial journalist that the ideas she gave him for a feature article were really his own.

That was her public contribution. Behind the scenes, she was also the indispensable organiser who turned many of Liz West's fertile brainwaves into reality, and the benefactor who only too often, during the first pioneering tours, wrote out a cheque on her own bank account at the end of the week to pay the rent of the theatre.

Thanks to ballets such as Darrell's *The Prisoners* and *Non-Stop* in its earliest days (followed later by others equally unusual), Western Theatre Ballet was able to survive West's early accidental death, continuing to thrive and, after transfer via Sadler's Wells to Glasgow, to become the present highly regarded Scottish Ballet. Its attitudes also gradually spread to other British ballet companies. But long before then, Nettie Massie had gone on to other ventures.

She came from a prosperous Australian family, moved to Britain at 21, and had made a trip home when Peggy van Praagh started the Australian Ballet in 1962. Massie became the press representative for their first season (and, later, their London representative).

Back in Britain, another of her special friendships gave her a connection with the earliest attempts to introduce Martha Graham's style of modern dance to Britain, and she invaluably advised Robin Howard on public relations right from his first attempts to start a contemporary dance school in London, which led to the present London Contemporary Dance school and company. And when Ballet Rambert changed itself into a small modern company in 1966, Massie was in charge of their publicity, too.

She had the gift to educate and encourage her assistants: the one who profited most conspicuously was Val Bourne, a former dancer who was persuaded to return to work with her and went on to become the founder of Dance Umbrella.

Exuberantly enthusiastic, generous, witty and intelligent, Massie was a loss to dance when she decided, in 1973, to settle in the Dordogne with another friend, running a guest house and writing anecdotal stories. Eventually she returned to her house in Colet Gardens, a haven of peace and friendship under the Hammersmith flyover.

ANGELA FRASER

Angela Fraser, actress and political activist, died on February 9 aged 70. She was born on March 27, 1922.

ANGELA FRASER (née Burnet-Craigie) had three notable careers. In her first, as Angela Braemar, she took the leading role in Ivor Novello's *The Dancing Years* and played with Anna Neagle in Herbert Wilcox's film of Queen Victoria's life, *Sixty Glorious Years*.

Her second career began when she inherited the family estate in Aberdeenshire. A course of study in Aberdeen University's Divinity College led to preaching engagements around the countryside and pastoral assistance in Aberdeen's Rubislaw parish church whose Session Clerk, James Fraser, she was to marry.

Career number three involved her wholehearted identification with the fortunes and misfortunes of the local Conservative Association in which she held executive office. Striking in appearance and blessed with an outstanding singing voice, she was a Lady Laird who exemplified the highest traditions of Scotland's landed gentry.



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A few days since a shepherd named Ferguson, in the employment of Mr. M'Arthur, of Ardmeanach, made a clever capture of an eagle on the property of that gentleman. Having found a "braxy hogg" late one evening, he (the shepherd) went to the hill early next morning for the purpose of fetching the carcass home, and having his attention arrested by the motion of some animal on the body of the sheep he approached cautiously, and discovered the intruder to be an enormous eagle, so busily engaged "tunneling" the body of the sheep as to be wholly unaware of his approach. Watching the motion of the bird — standing still as it withdrew to gorge what it had "excavated" — and only approaching when its head was sheathed in the breastbone of the sheep, he was enabled by a sudden spring to disable it so far as to effect (though not without the aid of his dogs, and after suffering a good deal in the encounter himself) the capture of the bird alive. It measures seven feet six inches from point to point of its wings, and is one of the largest that has been seen in the part of the country where it was taken for years. A pair (of which it is one) have for more than 50 years been known to frequent and build in the crags above Inchkenneth, but without bringing eaglets to maturity, so far as is known; and the shepherds in the district hail with no small degree of satisfaction the capture of a depredator such as this one is known to have been. With the exception of a "game" wing, it seems to have quite got over the hard usage it was subjected to before it gave in, and consumes, with infinite gusto, whatever is thrown to it in the shape of fresh meat, "fur or feather". *Glasgow Daily Mail.*

A HINT FOR TRAVELLERS.— Throughout Europe whenever the traveller finds himself quartered for the day or night in a bed-chamber having a door of communication with an adjoining apartment, let him make a point of rendering it impossible for any one in that room to obtain range of insight into the one he is to occupy. In nine cases out of ten, if he closely inspect the upper and lower panels of such a door, he will detect little holes at various heights, bored by a knife, nail, or anything else that will serve the purpose, through the thin edges of the panels where they enter the style or framework. The foreigners term them "petits judas;" a term sufficiently appropriate to lurking places through which privacy is thus treacherously and disreputably invaded. The most effectual mode of defeating such infamous assaults is to carry among one's toilette articles a small pocket hammer and a few very sharp iron tacks, by which an overcoat, wrapper or dressing-gown may in a moment be suspended or stretched across the breadth of the door, and taken down and replaced at will.

The morbid passion for those boring doors and partitions is inconceivably general, and I remember a Polish Count informing me once, at Berne, of the number he had made in one week. I could not help wishing his ears had been nailed to the doorposts as a *finis* to his dirty work. *A Pilgramage into Dauphiné*, by the Rev. S.M. Musgrave, M.A.

ON THIS DAY

March 12 1857

There is no love lost between eagles and shepherds in Scotland and to capture one of these great birds was something of a feat. It would be interesting to know what was its ultimate fate.

NEWS

Stock Exchange chief resigns

■ The chief executive of the London Stock Exchange resigned after his £75 million project to computerise share dealing was halted. The collapse of the project, which will mean the loss of at least 450 jobs, was described as a disaster for the City.

Taurus was intended to cut share dealing costs and do away with traditional share certificates. Work was stopped after a Stock Exchange review ..... **Pages 1, 21, 25**

Appeal court detains freed rapist

■ The 15-year-old rapist allowed to go free after being ordered to pay £500 for a holiday for his schoolgirl victim had his sentence replaced with two years' detention by the Court of Appeal, which decided that a three-year supervision order was "unduly lenient" ..... **Page 1**

Yeltsin crisis

President Boris Yeltsin, facing a crushing defeat by the Russian Congress of People's Deputies, walked out of the chamber after a hardline deputy, claiming he had ruined the economy and *flouted the constitution,* called for his dismissal from office ..... **Pages 1, 16**

Rolls-Royce row

A row erupted in the Commons over the government's commitment to manufacturing after the announcement that Rolls-Royce *was to shed 5,000 jobs.* John Smith challenged Mr Major to intervene ..... **Pages 1, 2**

Birt under siege

Pressure on John Birt to resign as director-general of the BBC was mounting last night amid new revelations about tax advantages he gained through his private company ..... **Pages 1, 2**

Bosnia peace force

NATO allies are holding talks about forming a 50,000-strong international military contingent to enforce any eventual peace agreement reached in Bosnia ..... **Pages 1, 15**

Sex as assault

In a landmark ruling which was immediately attacked by civil libertarians, the law lords held that people who inflict sado-masochistic injuries on each other for sexual pleasure are guilty of criminal assault even though they consent to what happens ..... **Page 3**

Cow concern grows

Farmers' leaders called for government health officials to assure the public that the mad cow disease posed no threat to humans, after the disclosure that a dairy farmer had died of a related illness ..... **Page 5**

NHS HIV ruling

Health authorities were ordered to tighten procedures for protecting patients from HIV in contact with NHS staff involved in operations or other invasive procedures ..... **Page 2**

Lost graduates

Women, mature students and those from the ethnic minorities will constitute the bulk of a "lost generation" of graduates whose job prospects recede in competition with the growing numbers leaving higher education each year, *according to a recruiters'* association ..... **Page 8**

Electrifying car

Honeywell is developing a car with an electric power unit which, it says, solves the traditional problems of range and weight and rivals the internal combustion engine for the first time ..... **Page 12**

Egypt warns Iran

Egypt has threatened to attack Iranian warships if they attempt to establish a base in Sudan, which is rapidly becoming a strict Islamic state. Iran retorted by accusing Egypt of waging a "criminal and inhuman war *against Islam"* ..... **Page 17**

It's not just cricket

■ *It's not just Graham Gooch and his stubble:* commercial and style pressures of the modern world have altered the *profiles of a variety of sports, to the horror of traditionalists* such as Denis Compton and Fred Titmus. But critics ought to *reflect upon W. G. Grace's 54,000 runs, in a career that* involved no shaving at all ..... **Page 6**

PETER TREVINOR



Jobs on the line: Ford workers yesterday outside Bayswater House, London, where unions met management over jobs cuts

BUSINESS

Pay-off: Glaxo shares fell after the announcement that Ernest Mario, *resigning after boardroom dis*agreement a as chief executive of *one of Britain's biggest and most* successful companies, stands to pick up £2.925m ..... **Page 25**

Rolls losses: Rolls-Royce, the troubled *aero-engine maker, lost £184* million after setting aside £268 million of provisions for restructuring, including 5,000 job losses over the next two years ..... **Page 29**

Market slips: Shares fell slightly, *down 3.3 at 2953.4, led by Glaxo* after the resignation of its chief executive. Sterling was up 0.2 at $1.4347, and unchanged against the mark at DM2.3856 ... **Page 28**

SPORTS

Cricket: England's troubled cricketers, under fire for their designer *stubble and sartorial inelegance,* headed for the safety of the beach *yesterday, where their T-shirts and* swimming trunks passed uncriticised ..... **Page 48**

Football: England's young footballers *qualified for the last eight of* the World under-20 championship by beating Turkey 1-0. They now play Mexico ..... **Page 48**

Golf: *Severiano Ballesteros's* appearance in the US Masters in four *weeks' time was put in doubt when* a long-standing back injury forced him to withdraw after the first round of the Balearic Open in Majorca ..... **Page 48**

Badges of convenience: Who makes which model and where? *Kevin Eason on the latest multi*national trend. Also, the Mitsubishi Sigma on test. **Page 41**

Surviving computer fever: Choos*ing a computer for domestic use* and for school homework can turn parents into nervous wrecks. David Hewson offers hope ..... **Page 34**

Women's world: In the week that Virago publishes the first of three volumes of guides for women, Rosie Millard looks at travel from the female viewpoint ..... **Page 18**

Tale of two cities: A big new show in the Barbican, London, brings *together classic British paintings of* the 1960s, while the Royal Academy has opened its exhibition of Georges Rouault, the painter who portrayed low life in turn-of-the-century Paris ..... **Page 37**

Japanese invasion: A powerful black comedy, *The Great Doctor Yabuhara,* which transfers from New York to London next week, may transform perceptions of Japanese theatre ..... **Page 38**

Rock on Friday: Rap music may feed off the violence and frustration of inner-city life in America, but its roots lie firmly in the blues tradition ..... **Page 39**

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Bob Horton, who resigned as chairman of BP last year, is likely to receive £1.5 million. Glaxo's chief has secured an even bigger pay-off
Page 25



The plight of six sperm whales trapped in the shallow waters of Orkney's Scapa Flow has evoked shades of the 1955 film Moby Dick
Page 3



Raisa Gorbachev may have suffered a second stroke. Mikhail Gorbachev said she could not speak properly or control movements
Page 16

THE TIMES TOMORROW

The great savings adventure

■ As interest rates fall, savers are becoming more adventurous and moving their funds. Tomorrow, *The Times* publishes a special 20-page supplement offering detailed advice on unit and investment trusts.

A summer of culture

■ A feast of festival talent in *Weekend*, a month-by-month guide to the best of Britain's arts and culture this summer, from music in Malvern to Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet in Swansea.

A headmaster in hazard

■ *Starting tomorrow, a three-day serialisation of John* Rae's memories of his years as the headmaster of a public school. *Part one: the hazards of Westminster.*

TODAY

Tonight's choice

Lenny Henry and others host Total Relief (BBC1, 7pm), the annual evening of red-nosed *mirth in aid* of the needy ..... **Page 47**

OPINION

Boris agonistes

The courage of Russia's democrats ended the Cold War: they must be helped to heal the scars it left, if that great gain is not to be jeopardised. Mr Clinton's active canvassing of support in this cause comes none too early ..... **Page 21**

This bull called Taurus

The Taurus fiasco does make one thing clear. Britain's glamorous and frequently overpaid financial service businesses are in no way immune to the management failures that have destroyed so many of the nation's once great manufacturing enterprises ..... **Page 21**

Pleasure from pain

The private practice of sadism on willing partners does not contribute to the sort of violence on unwilling victims from which society rightly shrinks. These men's acts cannot have been cruel if they were welcomed. In a civilised society such eccentricities should be tolerated ..... **Page 21**

COLUMNS

BERNARD LEVIN

Why do we continue to behave as though God will never tire of us? I should have thought that he must have tired of us years ago, and is biding his time while he thinks up the most condign method of disposing of us? ..... **Page 20**

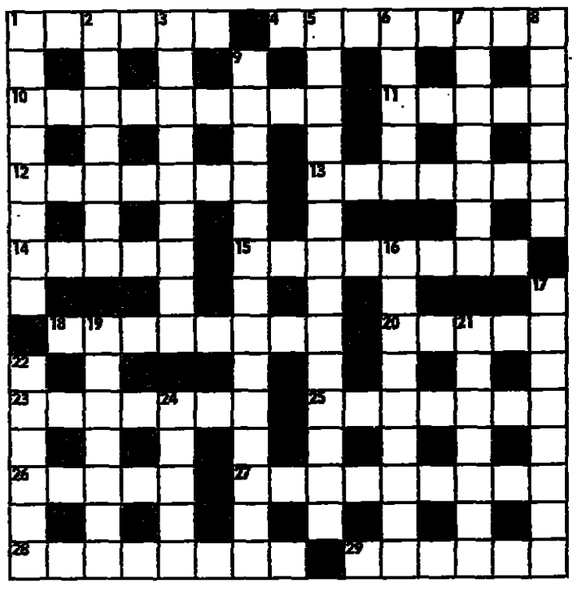
CONOR CRUISE O'BRIEN

There is a revulsion in Ireland against a version of family values of which girls and young women are the principal victims. As a result the sort of things that were hushed up for generations, are now coming to light ..... **Page 20**

The chairman of the Newspaper Publishers Association and the editor of *The Observer* discuss proposals for reform of the press complaints procedure ..... **Page 21**

The least disturbance would have serious consequences for over-populated Egypt. A social fund set up by the *international financial* organisations should be put to use *quickly to give a ray of hope to the* most disadvantaged ..... *Le Monde*

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,176



ACROSS

1 Cleaner is hard and blue (6).
4 *Huntsman from Halifax outside* . . . (4,4).
10 . . . concerned with circulating periodical (9).
11 City can give tongue (5).
12 *Group left about ten out* (7).
13 Cool and beautiful-sounding music (7).
14 I celebrate noisily — that's topping . . . (5).
15 . . . *I may tend to explode* (8).
18 Depot is the name in America (8).
20 Since I left, family have become famous (5).
23 Bill is singing well (7).
25 Test 50% of people, in case (7).
26 Not a long container for the cards that are left (5).
27 Former pirate enters race, to be sociable (9).
28 *Punish a place for predatoriness* (8).
29 Meagre lodging place in heaven (6).

DOWN

1 Classical poet, one of five born at one time in Morocco (8).
2 Composer turns up in slight difficulty, without a leader (7).
3 *Device for raising large pies?* (9).
5 Sink or swim here, when things have got too much (3,2,4,5).
6 Material is new, only damaged (5).
7 *Find 27 short of public enter*tainment (7).
8 10-0 upset for noted high-flier (6).
9 Strong personal concern with the outcome of serve — *it's netted* (6,8).
16 Pages do take bets (4,1,4).
17 Awkward ascent on railway line (8).
19 Surround with a lot of resentment staff on the way up (7).
21 Melodious note held by fatherless child (7).
22 It can be used for carrying rubbish (6).
24 Greek islands offer nearly idyllic conditions — at first sight (5).

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WEATHER

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ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

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Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F); min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F). Humidity: 6pm, 47 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 8.4hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,022.2 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: *Highest day temp:* Margate, Kent, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Spaldeadam, Cumbria, 4C (39F); highest *rainfall: Tenby, Dyfed, 0.15in; highest* sunshine: Stornoway, Western Isles, 8.4hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 13C (55F); *min* 6pm to 6am, 3C (41F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.04in Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4.1hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 10C (50F); min 6pm to 6am, 3C (37F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.15in Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

UK REPORTS

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	4.8	-	6	43	sunny
Anglesey	1.0	0.12	7	45	rain
Ballymore	7.3	-	7	45	sunny
Belfast	0.6	0.02	8	46	rain
Birmingham	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Bognor Regis	1.0	-	11	52	cloudy
Bournemouth	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Bristol	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Buxton	0.3	0.03	7	45	cloudy
Cardiff	0.7	-	12	54	cloudy
Clacton	2.5	-	9	48	cloudy
Cromer	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Douglas	-	0.09	7	45	rain
Edinburgh	2.2	-	7	45	bright
Eskdalemuir	0.7	-	5	41	cloudy
Exmouth	2.4	-	10	50	bright
Falmouth	3.2	-	12	54	bright
Folkestone	4.3	-	10	50	sunny
Guernsey	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Hastings	4.4	-	11	52	sunny
Hunstanton	0.4	-	8	46	cloudy
Jersey	0.4	-	12	54	cloudy
Kinloss	4.9	-	7	45	sunny
Leeds	-	-	6	43	dull
Lerwick	7.9	-	5	41	sunny
Littlehampton	0.8	-	10	50	cloudy
Liverpool	0.3	0.02	10	50	shower
London	0.2	-	12	54	cloudy
Lowestoft	0.2	-	10	50	cloudy
Margate	-	-	13	55	sunny
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Scarborough	0.9	-	5	41	cloudy
Scilly Isles	2.8	-	12	54	bright
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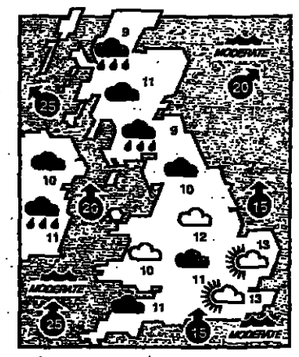
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Austria Sch	17.90	16.40
Belgium Fr	52.35	47.95
Canada $	1.913	1.753
Denmark Kr	9.80	9.00
Finland Mkk	9.29	8.49
France Fr	8.61	7.91
Germany Dm	2.53	2.33
Greece Dr	344.00	319.00
Hong Kong $	11.75	10.75
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Italy Lira	2396.00	2250.00
Japan Yen	187.25	166.25
Netherlands Gld	2.855	2.625
Norway Kr	10.77	9.97
Portugal Esc	232.50	214.50
South Africa Rd	5.30	4.60
Spain Pta	179.25	163.25
Sweden Kr	11.50	10.50
Switzerland Fr	2.32	2.14
Turkey Lira	14000.00	13000.00
USA $	1.525	1.40

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

UK TODAY



UK TOMORROW



London 6.00 pm to 6.22 am
Bristol 6.10 pm to 6.31 am
Edinburgh 6.10 pm to 6.36 am
Manchester 6.08 pm to 6.31 am
Penzance 6.22 pm to 6.43 am

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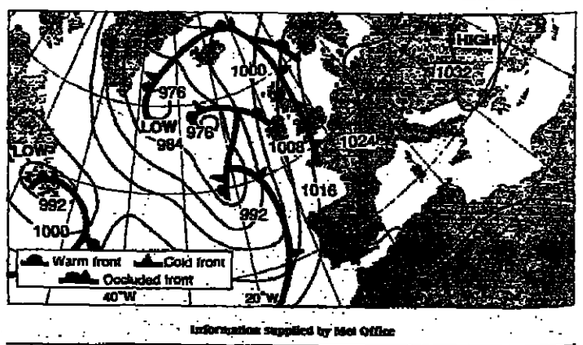
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Belfast	9	48	f	Guernsey	10	50	s
B'mngham	10	50	c	Inverness	9	48	f
Blackpool	12	54	f	Jersey	13	55	s
Bristol	13	55	s	London	13	55	s
Cardiff	11	52	s	M'nchster	11	52	f
Edinburgh	9	48	c	Newcastle	6	43	c
Glasgow	7	45	c	R'nldsway	8	46	f

TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.14	7.6	4.42	7.3	Liverpool	1.31	9.7	1.52	9.7
Aberdeen	3.48	4.2	4.04	4.4	Lowestoft			12.09	2.3
Avonmouth	9.48	13.7	10.10	13.1	Margate	2.20	6.0	2.53	4.7
Belfast	1.24	3.4	1.48	3.8	Milford Haven	8.47	7.2	9.08	6.9
Cardiff	9.33	12.6	9.55	12.1	Newquay	7.39	7.2	8.01	6.9
Devonport	8.25	5.6	8.44	5.4	Oban	8.01	3.9	8.22	3.7
Dover	1.14	6.9	1.37	6.6	Penzance	7.30	5.7	7.50	5.5
Falmouth	7.55	5.4	8.14	5.2	Portland	9.19	2.1	9.42	1.9
Glasgow	3.23	4.7	3.28	5.2	Portsmouth	1.41	5.0	2.03	4.8
Harwich	2.09	4.2	2.36	4.0	Shoreham	1.33	6.6	1.56	6.3
Holyhead	12.31	5.7	12.56	5.7	Southampton	1.08	4.8	1.29	4.6
Hull	8.48	7.7	9.03	7.9	Swansea	8.51	9.7	9.11	9.3
Ilfracombe	9.33	9.5	9.59	9.1	Tees	6.12	5.5	6.31	5.5
King's Lynn	8.07	6.6	8.17	6.9	Wilton-on-Nze	2.02	4.5	2.28	4.2
Leith	5.19	5.6	5.42	5.7					

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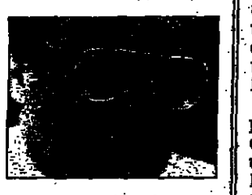
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THE POUND

US $	1.4345 (+0.0003)
German mark	2.3849 (+0.0003)
Exchange index	77.2 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	2953.4 (-3.3)
Dow Jones	3465.84 (-12.70)*
Nikkei Avge	17904.79 (+46.16)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	6%
3-month Interbank	5⅞-5¾%
US Federal Funds	2¹⁵⁄₁₆-3"*
3-month Treas Bills	2.96-2.94%*
Long Bond	6.75%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.4353*	£:$	1.4355
$:DM	1.6612*	£:DM	2.3815
$:SWfr	1.5243*	£:SWfr	2.1882
$:Ffr	5.6425*	£:Ffr	8.0710
$:Yen	117.53*	£:Yen	168.82
£:SDR	1.0446	£:ECU	1.2318

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 326.65 — PM 326.90
Close 327.00-327.40
New York:
Comex 327.25-327.75*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI 137.9 January (1.7%)

* Denotes midday trading price

City furious as Taurus is scrapped

By Jon Ashworth

The abandonment of Taurus raised City fears that London will become uncompetitive against other trading centres and that securities houses will have to bear the cost

THE City reacted with anger and disbelief to yesterday's Stock Exchange turmoil which saw the resignation of Peter Rawlins, the chief executive, and the scrapping of the Taurus paperless settlement system after tests had shown that it could not cope with the more complex aspects of share settlement.

Banks and securities houses have invested hundreds of millions of pounds in preparation for Taurus. There is a fear that London will fall even further behind the world's other main trading centres unless urgent steps are taken to shift settlement onto an electronic basis, completing the process begun by Big Bang in October 1986.

The decision to abandon the project despite development costs for the Stock Exchange of up to £100 million left Mr Rawlins with little choice but to resign. He has been a fervent supporter of the Taurus project since taking up the position of chief executive in November 1989.

Ian Hay Davison, chairman of Storehouse and former chief executive of Lloyd's of London, said the collapse of Taurus was a "disaster" for the City. Mr Hay Davison, who employed Mr Rawlins as his personal assistant, first at Arthur Andersen and later at Lloyd's, described him as "an agent of change" with a combative style who had changed the face of the London securities market. He said: "He has done a lot to sort the Stock Exchange out. I think it is a very different place."

Mr Hay Davison, who led a review of Hong Kong's stock market after the 1987 crash, said London must move quickly to catch up with other financial centres. He said: "It is terribly important to the market to have a smooth-running settlement system."

City firms were inundated with calls yesterday as the implications began to sink in. Stockbrokers, banks, registrars and custodians have invested huge amounts in systems to fit the Taurus network. One banker said the "spiderweb" of Taurus had filtered to all levels of operations. "We all knew it was an enormous project but were beginning to hope the big building blocks were in place. London's clearing systems are completely out of date and archaic."

Lloyds Bank, the largest of the UK registrars, said it was "disappointed" that so much time and effort had been wasted on a system which had now been axed. It called for a move towards electronic trading of shares without the need for the highly complex procedures which Taurus entailed.



Barker: acting successor

Barclays was critical of the way the Taurus project had been handled. Michael Grass, managing director of Barclays Global Securities Services, said: "The main lesson to be learned from Taurus is that the approach to change must be through a series of manageable phases."

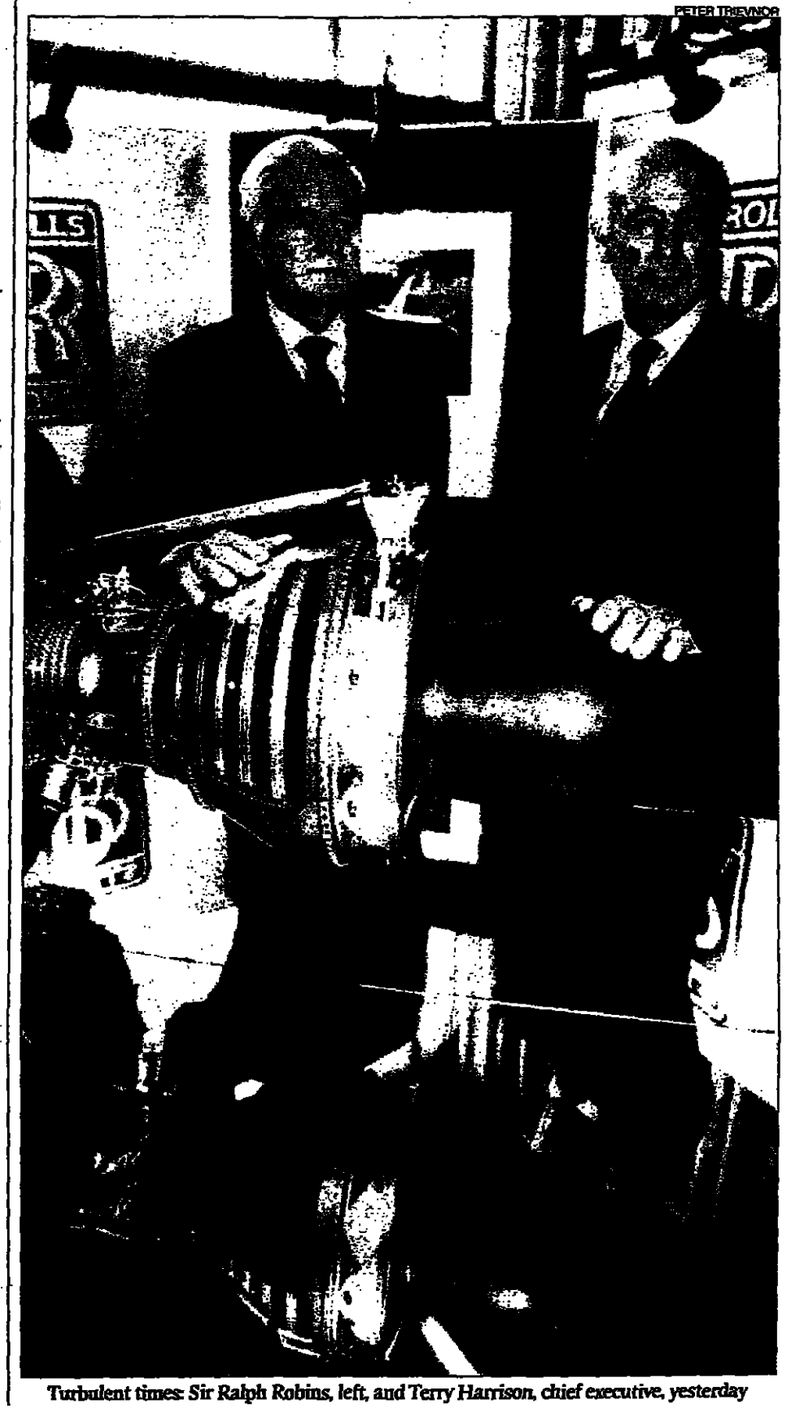
Mr Grass said it was as important as ever that London kept pace with the rest of the world. An alternative computer system must be found to allow increased speed and efficiency of share settlement with reduced settlement risk.

The collapse is a slap in the face for Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, which had the task of making Taurus work. John Watson, a C&L partner, has been on secondment to the Stock Exchange since August 1989. He was recently replaced as project leader by Jane Barker, a former C&L employee, who was yesterday appointed acting chief executive officer of the Stock Exchange. Coopers will not comment on developments, citing client confidentiality. However, industry sources say the collapse of the project will come as a major blow to the firm's prestige.

The City welcomed the appointment by the Bank of England of a task force to consider if anything can be salvaged from the project. There is a feeling that Taurus tried to emulate existing systems rather than going back to the drawing-board and this proved its downfall.

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Rolls-Royce loses £184m



PETER TREVINOR

Turbulent times: Sir Ralph Robins, left, and Terry Harrison, chief executive, yesterday

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

ROLLS-ROYCE, the aero-engine and power engineering group, lost £184 million before tax last year, after setting aside £268 million of provisions for further restructuring and defaults by some airline customers. The loss compares with a profit before tax of £51 million during 1991.

Sir Ralph Robins, chairman of the company, said a renewed round of 5,000 job losses over the next two years was needed because of falling demand for warplanes and cancellations of airliner orders by leading airlines last autumn.

He foresaw little prospect of an upturn in sales of civil aircraft and spares before the end of 1995. The power engineering business, however, accounting for 40 per cent of sales and nearly half the 53,800 workforce, had "a good year".

The final dividend has been cut to 2.45p, making 5p for the year, down from 7.25p in 1991.

Group sales, at £3.56 billion, reflect the delivery of a record 450 airliner engines in 1992, even though military aero-engine deliveries, numbering little more than 100, are less than half their 1987 peak.

Sales of turbines for airliners, however, are likely to fall back slightly in 1993 because of cancellations and deferrals of orders by airlines, Sir Ralph said.

The power engineering business, which accounts for 40 per cent of turnover, saw sales fall by 4 per cent. Overseas sales accounted for 70 per cent of the group total, and the weakness of the dollar reduced profits by £30 million. The order book, at £6.7 billion, increased by £100 million.

About £50 million has been provided against bad debts incurred by airline customers. Of the remaining £218 million of provisions, £38 million will cover spending last year, and the remainder, £180 million, is to pay for the new round of restructuring and redundancies in the aerospace division.

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Mario in line for £2.9m Glaxo payoff

By George Sivell
City Editor

ERNEST Mario, 54, resigned as chief executive of Glaxo because he did not fit into a long-term board reorganisation, the pharmaceutical group says. He stands to collect £2.9 million compensation from a three-year rolling service contract. He is one of the highest paid executives at a British company, receiving £975,000 a year.

Richard Sykes, previously research and development director, becomes chief executive and will be responsible to Sir Paul Girolami, the chairman, for running the group worldwide. A new post of chief operating officer has been created and will be occupied by Franz Humer, previously in charge of commercial policy.

Mr Mario's resignation stunned the City and sent Glaxo shares down a further 19p to 668p. Only last weekend, a Mori survey of UK management rated Glaxo one of the best-run companies.

According to the last Glaxo annual report, Mr Mario has options over 671,156 Glaxo shares. His resignation comes after a steep fall in Glaxo's share price on market concerns that the group was about to launch a $10 billion bid for Warner Lambert, an American company that specialises in over-the-counter (OTC) sales direct to the public.

Sir Paul, 66, said: "The OTC is a very sensitive point. It is a mess up, it left a great deal of confusion. We will do our best to clear it up in the course of time."

Asked about the reasons for Mr Mario's departure, Sir Paul commented: "Ernie's attitude in a whole variety of ways led us all to believe he would not make the most of organisational concepts, that we had a different view of things, a vision of the future which rigidly confined us to the company's main mission", to research into finding better medicines.

"A lot of people who have not been here for a long time do not appreciate this. It is down to his attitude," Sir Paul said, adding: "I am sorry for Ernie, I really am. He is a friend."

Sir Paul said Mr Mario was "not immediately contemplating an acquisition." He added that Glaxo would look at how its research products could fit into the OTC market but virtually ruled out a big bid and an accompanying rights issue.

Mr Mario joined Glaxo's American subsidiary in September 1986 as chief operating officer from Squibb Corporation. He is married with three sons and he and his wife maintain homes in London and Boca Raton, Florida.

Asked about his own future, Sir Paul said the moves were not linked to any wish to "acquire personal power. I have not long to go, two years at most."

☐ It is expected that the BP annual report, due to be sent to shareholders tomorrow, will reveal that Robert Horton, the former chairman, will receive about £1.5 million in compensation. The payoff will be made up of one year's salary, in the £700,000 range. The rest will come in the form of a contribution to Mr Horton's pension. He was in a non-contributory pension scheme. Mr Horton now runs the British Rail division responsible for running the network after privatisation.

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When forecasts are a load of bull



ANTHONY HARRIS

The failure of the London Stock Exchange's proposed new Taurus dealing system is poetically timed; for I can never remember a bull market that was so widely distrusted. The market is not too bad at predicting the near future — after all, market-makers' livelihoods depend on avoiding surprises. It knows and likes the Budget it expects — about £3 billion of fiscal tightening at once, and say £5 billion of underfunding — and has discounted it.

But the long outlook is different. There are times when the market can get the big picture absurdly wrong — times like the present, which are seen at the bottom of every economic slump, when the monetary reins are slack, and markets get drunk on the stuff.

The symptoms were beautifully summed up by a Swiss banker who I find myself quoting at regular intervals: "My reason tells me that prices are too high, but my book tells me that they are still going up." Cynical dealers mutter that when the little people come in, it's time to get out. Stock market analysts discuss the disturbing gap between top-down and bottom-up forecasts — broadly (for there is no room here for a history of jargon) forecasts that are essentially derived from the market, and those based on statistical models of the corporate sector.

And small investors note with surprise that they have done about as well in gilts as they have in the record-breaking equity market.

Now because these gaps are routine, it may be rational to be calm about them. In a normal business cycle, they mean simply that securities markets respond to an injection of money much faster than the real economy.

The market gets ahead of itself, suffers a moderate correction when the bulls get bored, and then drifts for a time (up to some years) while reality catches up. But it is a theme of this column that this is not a normal business cycle, but a once-in-60-years event: and what happened after 1929 was not one crash, but a series of sickening slides, punctuated by happy-days-are-here-again rallies.

With hindsight, bonds were the only place to be; and by the end of the upheaval, they yielded much less than equities, which carried a risk premium. That is why, when the yield curves re-crossed in the 1950s, the excess of gilt over equity income was known as the reverse yield gap.

Is there even a remote chance that it could happen again? Certainly the market is not discounting it; indeed even the current level of long bond yields is discounting revived inflation as the likeliest unhappy ending. But while bonds are discounting some possible bad news, equities are not. Look, for example, at profits forecasts — where the top-down bottom-up gap yawns.

The gap for this year is between a rise of 15 per cent and a rise of 30 per cent. But even on the high forecast, this puts the market on a prospective price/earnings ratio of 14, the highest reading for a quarter of a century. On more modest profit projections, the prospective p/e is not far short of 16.

In any case, what is the value of higher earnings to shareholders? As everyone knows, companies have been stretching their finances severely to maintain dividends during the slump; earnings cover is now so thin that a conservatively managed company could justify holding its dividend unchanged, just to restore normal British cover, until earnings had risen by more than 50 per cent — perhaps three years. Whereas Japan, at the other extreme, could conservatively double or triple dividends from present depressed profits.

You must remember, too, that we have somehow to correct the large structural deficit that has appeared in our public finances since John Major took charge of them, which demands perhaps £7 billion of deflation in each of the next three years.

Then there is our structural trade deficit, which may mean that our devaluation is only at stage 1. You may then comfort yourself with the though that other countries also face forbidding challenges, especially from ageing populations, and that these future threats are not yet discounted in their stock prices. So a "better 'ole" argument for London remains; but do you want to bet your shirt on it?

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Green retires as BTR beats £1bn

BY GEORGE SIVELL, CITY EDITOR

SIR Owen Green, 67, the chairman of BTR, is to step down from the board after 28 years. He announced his retirement on the day the engineering group's profits recrossed the £1 billion mark. He will be succeeded by Norman Ireland, 66, a former finance director of BTR and until May last year chairman of Bowater.

Mr Ireland is seen inside BTR as a stop-gap chairman until a younger recruit can be found to replace Sir Owen.

BTR shares rose 24p to 611p but the profit rise of 18 per cent to £1,085 million before tax owes much to acquisitions and cost cuts. Hawker Siddeley, acquired after a contested £1.55 billion bid in November 1991, contributed £230 million and £179 million was added to profit through cost cuts.

A net 8,600 workers left through disposals and redundancy, taking the total number employed down to 131,000 worldwide. Redundancy and rationalisation costs have fallen from £56 million to £36 million. Around 11,700 workers went in productivity and cost cuts, 6,100 came in with acquisitions totalling £134 million and 3,000 went with disposals reaching £267 million.

Of the rest of the profit improvement, £126 million came from acquisitions, and pricing and inflation were responsible for £28 million. Currencies knocked only £6 million off profits; the average sterling-dollar rate during the year was almost identical though the year-end rate was down from $1.87 to $1.51.

Sales rose 31.1 per cent to £8,841 million, of which £2,000 million came from

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Hawker Siddeley. After deducting the impact of Hawker they were still up a little.

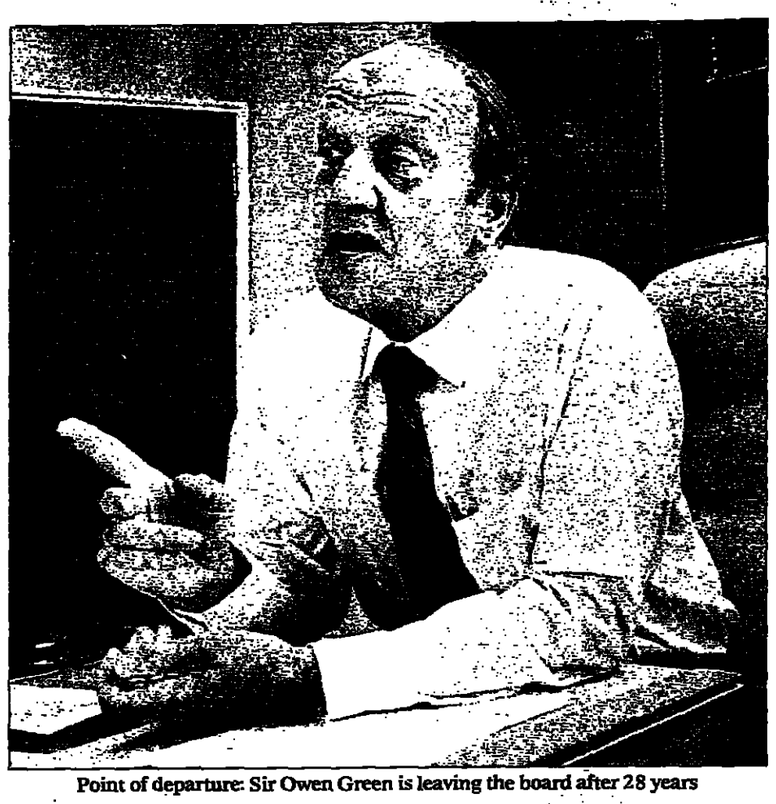
The emphasis this year is likely to be on improving existing businesses rather than fresh acquisitions, according to Alan Jackson, the chief executive, although he added: "We do keep on eye out for opportunities."

He said the fall in numbers employed would be "nowhere near the same this year". On prospects, BTR said: "The benefits of the sterling currency realignment are more than offsetting the effects of a continuing absence of any reliable signs of economic recovery, particularly in Europe. The disposition of our resources, including manpower, provides us with very good prospects for substantial early benefits in a recovery cycle."

Total dividend rises 9 per cent to 18p out of earnings up 9 per cent to 34.3p. Shareholders are to receive two bonus shares for each three held, which will convert £340 million of reserves into capital. BTR's balance sheet strengthened, with gearing falling from 89 per cent at the end of 1991 to 69 per cent.

In the UK, BTR says construction and allied markets are still suffering from deep recession. BTR says good progress has been made in a number of European businesses in 1992, but the impact of deepening recession in Germany on the remainder of the Continent remains significant.

The US recovery, meanwhile, is gaining momentum. Most BTR groups in America performed well in 1992, particularly baggage handling, motors and sealing.



Point of departure: Sir Owen Green is leaving the board after 28 years

GLOBAL EXPANSION IN BEVERAGES AND CONFECTIONERY

1992 RESULTS

"Our 1992 results are a creditable performance in a year when most of our major markets were in recession. Actions taken to make the business even more competitive involved restructuring costs of £14m in UK confectionery which have been taken in full as a charge against the year's profits.

Sales	£3,372.4m	+ 4.3%
Trading Profit	£370.7m	+ 2.9%
Pre-Tax Profit	£332.7m	+ 5.7%
Earnings per Share	26.81p	– 2.5%
Dividend per Share	13.20p	+ 5.6%

There was underlying growth in earnings before confectionery restructuring costs and adverse exchange effects, although reported earnings per share are down.

A final dividend of 9.90p is proposed, up 6.5%, giving a total dividend for 1992 of 13.20p an increase of 5.6%. This reflects the momentum of the business and the Board's confidence in the outlook.

Our business performed strongly and we are in excellent shape to go forward in 1993 and beyond.

We have seen a very good start to trading in 1993 and I am confident that the Company will make significant progress in the year."

Sir Graham Day, Chairman

Cadbury Schweppes

MANAGEMENT PROVEN IN THE MARKET PLACE

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Christies optimistic after a good year

CHRISTIES International reported a 5 per cent rise in pre-tax profit, to £6.65 million, in 1992. There was an improvement in underlying operating profit, from £1.46 million to £5.53 million. Sales of the fine art auctioneers rose by 9 per cent, to £636 million. Lord Carrington, the outgoing chairman, said the company was "very positive about the long-term future of the art market".

There was a £1.7 million charge against profits associated with a redundancy programme. The final dividend is held at 1p, making 1.5p (3.3p) for the year. Sir Anthony Tennant takes over as chairman in May, though Lord Carrington remains a non-executive director. The former foreign secretary, who is 73, said: "Chairmen of public companies should not be 90, and I am pleased that I will still play a role". The shares were unchanged at 185p.

Logica raises payout

LOGICA, the computer software group, is raising its interim dividend to 1.25p (1.15p) a share after reporting a 92 per cent surge in pre-tax profits to £4.14 million in the six months to end-December. Turnover climbed 6 per cent to £104.2 million. Revenues from UK operations grew 6 per cent. American revenues fell 17 per cent, with an operating loss of £1.4 million. The group's earnings jumped to 3.7p (2.1p) a share. Net cash balances grew £1.6 million to £15.3 million. Logica shares added 8p to 195p.

Blagden hit by ACT

PRE-TAX profit at Blagden Industries, the packaging and chemicals group, fell 29 per cent, to £7.63 million, in the 53 weeks to January 3, against £10.7 million the previous year. Turnover rose 5.3 per cent, to £229.8 million. Earnings, depressed by a higher tax charge after a bigger advance corporation tax write-off, slid to 7.2p (14p) a share. But the total dividend is maintained at 9.5p for the year, with an unchanged final payout of 5p. The company said there had been "no upturn in the early months of 1993".

Cadbury call on ethics

SIR Adrian Cadbury, the driving force behind the Cadbury Report on corporate governance, attacked those in the City "who seek to draw a theoretical or a pragmatic distinction between so-called white-collar crime and crime in general". In a speech to the Chartered Institute of Bankers, he said: "Market rigging and insider trading are no longer either legal or acceptable, even at the more restrained levels of earlier days." He said heads of companies should set standards by example.

Manders lifts earnings

MANDERS (Holdings), the paints, inks and property group, incurred a £1.9 million charge from last year's £86 million hostile bid by rival paint-maker Kalon. But Manders raised pre-tax profits to £9.04 million in the year to end-December (£6.04 million). Turnover rose 8.5 per cent to £110.3 million. Borrowings fell to £18.9 million (£33.3 million) and gearing to 29 per cent, (53 per cent). Yearly earnings rise 33 per cent to 17.3p (13p) a share and total dividend by 28.5 per cent to 9p (7p), with a 6.4p final.

DC Gardner advances



DC GARDNER, the outplacement and training specialist group headed by Sir Kit McMahon, right, made a pre-tax profit of £1.22 million (restated loss: £10.6 million) in the year to end-December. Earnings per share were 1.85p (restated loss: 49.19p). There is no dividend (nil). The company described 1992 as "a year of recovery and restructuring" and said it is examining ways of restoring dividend payments.

Society doubles profit

THE Birmingham Midshires Building Society more than doubled pre-tax profits in 1992 to £23.9 million (£9.5 million). Profits after tax rose to £15.1 million from £6.3 million. Provisions for bad debts were slightly down last year, at £36.2 million (£36.6 million). The society said it was able to hold provisions steady partly because levels of arrears had remained flat for the second year. New properties taken into possession fell from 1,388 to 822. The society's estate agency network has been cut from 71 to 26.

Vodafone makes offer

VODAFONE Group, the cellular telephone business, is making a £2.9 million recommended offer for the troubled Hawthorn Leslie Group, a company that provides mobile phone services to 49,000 customers, mainly through Vodafone's network. Vodafone's all-share offer, based on one Vodafone for 271 Hawthorn, values each Hawthorn shares at 1.54p, a 28 per cent discount to the pre-bid price. Undertakings to accept the offer have been recieved from shareholders representing 71 per cent of Hawthorn.

Doubts remain on consumer upturn

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

A TENTATIVE revival in the high street appears to have continued last month from January, but the Confederation of British Industry says the small increases in sales might reflect deep price discounting more than a genuine return to spending by consumers.

Sales growth in the year to February was the strongest since April last year, according to the CBI's latest distributive trades survey. Price increases were the lowest since the survey started ten years ago.

Nigel Whittaker, chairman of the CBI's distributive trades panel, could not yet be sure consumer demand was firmly on an upward trend. He said: "Although the improvement in retail sales since just before Christmas provides grounds for cautious optimism, it may also reflect the heavy discounting which has taken place in the new year." During February there were variations between sectors. Most positive was a strong showing in the motor trade, where the improvement in sales volumes from a year earlier was the largest since August 1988. Furniture, carpet and household textiles stores reported a strong improvement.

Booksellers, stationers and specialist food retailers, however, reported lower volumes than a year ago. Wholesaling remained a weak spot.

☐ The Central Statistical Office said Britain had a provisional, seasonally adjusted current account deficit in the fourth quarter of £3.56 billion compared with a shortfall of £2.24 billion in the third quarter and a gap of £1.95 billion in the final quarter of 1991. For 1992 as a whole, Britain ran a current account deficit of £11.92 billion and a visible trade gap of £13.77 billion.

WPP surprises the City with £88m cash call

By Martin Waller
Deputy City Editor

■ Failure to make disposals has left borrowings sky-high, the legacy of a spending spree in the late 1980s, obliging the company to turn to shareholders for funds

MARTIN Sorrell's WPP Group, the world's largest advertising and marketing combine, has surprised the stock market with an £88 million cash call, on hefty four-for-five terms, to repay a short-term bridging loan arranged as part of last year's financial restructuring.

But the market reacted with a 10p jump in the WPP price to 70p on the back of 1992 figures that showed healthy revenue increases and a proposed return to the dividend list this year. The new shares are being issued at 45p.

The rights issue was partly foreshadowed in the circular that went to shareholders when they were asked to approve the restructuring: directors said they wished to raise funds "either by an issue of shares or other securities, or by asset disposals or by appropriate alternative means".

WPP has not managed to make such disposals to cut sky-high borrowings racked up in the late 1980s, when it acquired a range of agencies including J Walter Thompson and Ogilvy and Mather. The company believes that this failure, despite an earlier offer for the Scali McCabe Sloves agency, which has for some time been regarded as a non-core business, is in part because its straitened financial circumstances have caused it to be viewed as a forced seller.

Mr Sorrell, chief executive, said a revised offer for Scali has now been received. It is thought the offer has come from Interpublic, the American agency which was an earlier potential buyer, and could value the business at upwards of $70 million.

WPP has reported a 40 per cent rise in profits before exceptional items for 1992, to £53.8 million, and forecast a 1p dividend for the current year at a cost of £4 million net of tax. A £30.6 million exceptional loss, against a one-off £17.7 million gain last time, leaves the pre-tax figure 59 per cent lower at £23.2 million. Included in the exceptional item is the £13.5 million cost of the capital restructuring.

Using the new FRS 3 accounting standard, however, which subtracts all one-off items from pre-tax profits, the latter would have fallen from £56.1 million to £7.77 million after a further £15.4 million cost from the sale or closure of various businesses.

1992 revenues were up by almost 6 per cent to £1.27 billion, although operating profit margins fell from 7 per cent to 6.9 per cent. Although there had been no significant upturn in business in the first two months of this year, Mr Sorrell said revenues were up another 4 per cent at constant interest rates.

Most of the proceeds of the rights issue will go to pay off some of the $150 million short-term bridging loan, repayable by July 1994. The rest will be repaid though asset disposals.

Debts totalled £240 million at the year end, down from £334 million at the end of 1991, or £422 million at constant exchange rates and disregarding the fall in the value of sterling. WPP said the board was encouraged by the trading performance in 1992 and in recent months, and following the rights issue the group would be better placed to take advantage of any economic recovery.

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Simply the best: Andrew Cohen, whose door-to-door business has prospered despite the recession, while traditional retailers have suffered

Betterware chief named as a better entrepreneur

By Martin Barrow
City News Editor

ANDREW Cohen, chief executive of Betterware, was named entrepreneur of the year last night in the PLC Awards, sponsored by Coopers & Lybrand in association with *The Times*.

The honour recognises Mr Cohen's leading role in the success of Betterware, the door-to-door retailer of housewares, which has grown strongly during the recession, at a time when conventional retailers have suffered from the downturn in consumer spending.

In 1992, Betterware increased profits to £7.04 million before tax from £4.02 million and further growth is forecast this year. Its shares have been among the best performers in the past two years. The combination of strong but conservative management and good growth prospects swayed the votes.

COOPERS & LYBRAND PLC AWARDS

The award of company of the year goes to Sherwood Group, designer and manufacture of lingerie, swimwear and children's garments, which has also grown significantly despite an uncertain economic environment. Best-performing share was Brown and Jackson, the specialist engineer, whose shares rose from 3p to 12p in 1992.

New company of the year, in a difficult period for new issues, is Taunton Cider, whose shares, issued at 140p, trade at 184p.

Best-performing smaller company fund is S&W Smaller Securities: best annual report was published by Aegis Group.

Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, guest of honour at last night's awards dinner at the Grosvenor House hotel, London, said: "I have been impressed with the quality of all finalists in each category. The PLC Awards are further evidence that within the UK economy there are many successful small and growing companies and highly skilled entrepreneurs and managers."

RTZ beats falls in metal prices

By Colin Campbell
Mining Correspondent

RTZ, the world's largest mining group, countered further falls in metal prices in 1992 by producing more metals and by cutting costs to achieve an underlying adjusted profit of £348 million, up 1 per cent on 1991.

Sir Derek Birkin, chairman, said RTZ was "staying fit, and there will be a considerable impact on profits when metal prices and world economic activity recovers". However, the company expects only modest world economic growth in the next year or two. Robert Wilson, chief executive, said: "We have seldom seen worse markets than those of the past two years."

RTZ's total 1992 dividend is maintained at 19.5p, covered 1.8 times by adjusted earnings of 34.7p a share. Sir Derek said the latter excluded exceptional items and discontinued businesses and better reflected RTZ's underlying performance.

Two recently acquired American coal groups provided the foundation of a substantial new business unit capable of growth, and there would be acquisition opportunities in 1993.

Mining and metal activities contributed 77 per cent of total earnings, while the contributions from industrial minerals (31 per cent) and industrial products (4 per cent) both fell, reflecting the recession. During 1992, RTZ opened a Moscow office and established contacts in Russia and elsewhere in the former Soviet Union. Additional mining titles were acquired in Ireland, France and in Spain and Portugal. Exploration rights in various countries of sub-Saharan Africa are being sought.



Birkin: "staying fit"

"Black Africa has been a 'no-go' area for 30 years, but is now beginning to open up," Sir Derek said. Gearing will rise to about 63 per cent on completion of the American coal deals. Sir Derek said asset disposals would help to reduce that and the balance sheet remained strong.

RTZ shares fell by 13p to 675p.

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ABP falls to losses of £37m

By Carl Mortished

PROPERTY provisions of £84 million have driven Associated British Ports into the red with last year's profit of £31 million turning to a pre-tax loss of £36.6 million for the 12 months to December 31.

Sir Keith Stuart, chairman, described the provisions as a clearing of the decks aimed at removing uncertainty about the value of the group's property development portfolio. "We are not forced sellers but we have had them valued on a forced sale basis" he said. The loss per share was 14.3p (12.4p earnings), but ABP is increasing the dividend from 8p to 8.5p per share.

The recession has hit port activities, with volumes down slightly to 105 million tonnes and profits shrinking to £64.7 million (£70.8 million) due to a reduction in higher paying cargos. But the company reports overall Humberside trade up 4 per cent.

For the first time since 1963, ABP has included in the balance sheet, a revaluation of port-related properties, boosting shareholder's funds by £177 million. The combined effect of the write-downs and the revaluation caused net assets to fall from an adjusted £609 million to £580 million. ABP's borrowings had increased by the year end from £332 million to £349 million, pushing gearing up from 55 per cent to 60 per cent.

Fraud Office to investigate Norton after report by DTI

By Patricia Tehan

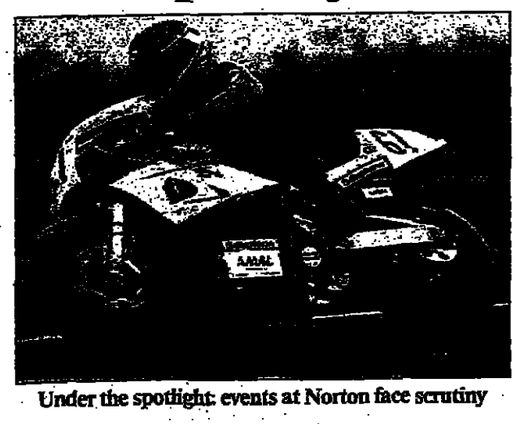
THE Serious Fraud Office is to investigate the affairs of Norton Group, one of Britain's oldest motorcycle makers. The move comes after the Department of Trade and Industry yesterday published a long-awaited report into the company.

Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, is also considering whether to apply for a disqualification order against any of the directors.

The report is particularly critical of Philippe Le Roux, the chief executive of Norton from 1986 to 1991. The DTI inspectors found: "Mr Le Roux was Norton and must, accordingly, bear a substantial part of the responsibility for the deficiencies of management".

They also criticised James Tildesley, the former chairman, for "inadequately" filling that position, being absent abroad for much of the time and being alleged to have "a serious conflict of interest, which he failed adequately to recognise".

The report says Robert Fleming, the merchant bank advising Norton at the time of its reversal into Minty, a furniture manufacturer, "should have been more exacting" in its review of Minty's underlying asset value.



Under the spotlight: events at Norton face scrutiny

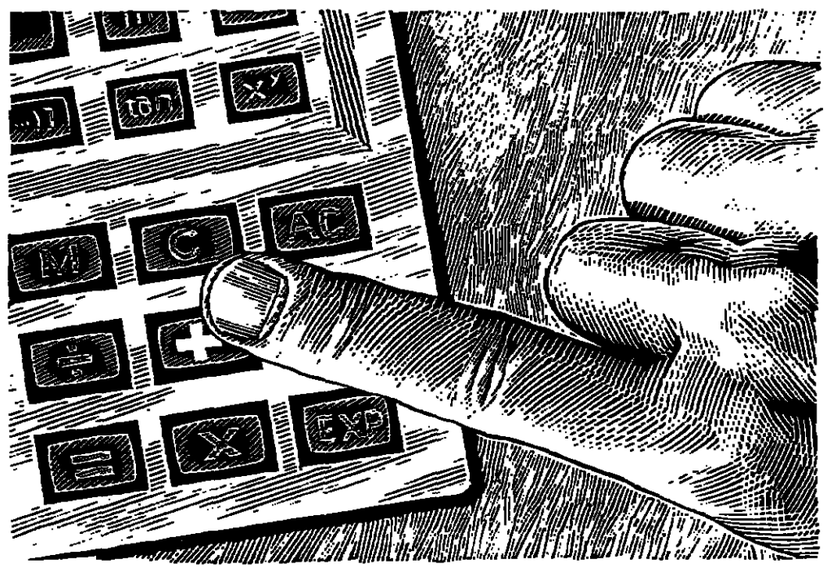
The DTI began its investigation into Norton in January 1991 under section 432(2) of the Companies Act 1985, as it believed there were circumstances that suggested the defrauding of creditors or unfair treatment of shareholders or failure to provide reasonable information.

Mr Le Roux resigned soon afterwards after failing to produce £195,000 finance for his allocation of shares in the company's rights issue that raised £6.5 million towards an £8.2 million acquisition of FUS, a German fasteners maker. Norton shares were suspended at 18p in March 1991 after the company failed to produce financial results and Mr Tildesley, Mr Le Roux's replacement as chief executive, resigned amid controversy in April.

Midland Bank is owed the bulk of Norton's £6 million borrowings. The report alleges Midland was "deliberately misled" by Mr Le Roux and Peter Hooper, the company's solicitor, over a loan.

The DTI has asked the Stock Exchange to look into a number of issues.

As positive as BTR



1992 RESULTS

Sales	£8,841m	Up 31%
Profit before tax	£1,085m	Up 18%
Earnings per share	34.3p	Up 9%
Dividend per share	18.0p	Up 9%
Gearing	69%	Down 22%

BTR

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Big players face Gatt pressure

HEADS of nearly 40 states are to launch a fresh drive to force the leading nations towards quick completion of the long-stalled Uruguay Round of world trade talks, according to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Trade diplomats said the initiative was likely to be announced before the end of this week by Carlos Menem, President of Argentina, and had the support of developed and developing countries and former communist states.

No details were given, though one Gatt envoy said: "The idea is to prod the United States, the European Community and Japan into concerted action to get the round wrapped up quickly." The round was started in 1986 and was due to be completed by the end of 1990.

Refuge steady

Profits at Refuge Group, the life assurance company, were unchanged at £12.5 million due to a £6 million exceptional charge in relation to November's sale of RLI Finance, its personal loans subsidiary. The core life assurance businesses posted a 10 per cent rise in net profits to £16.5 million for the year to end-December last. The final dividend is 21.9p (20p), making a total of 31.5p (29p). The shares rose 26p to 1,020p.

Plea for Yeltsin

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development has urged the Group of Seven countries not to send Boris Yeltsin, the president of Russia, away empty-handed. The bank yesterday issued its privatisation manual for Russia. Ron Freeman, bank vice-president, urged that Russia be given support when the G7 meet to discuss aid.

STOCK MARKET

Glaxo chief's resignation sends prices lower

THE resignation of the chief executive of Britain's second biggest company reverberated throughout the City sending share prices into an early dive.

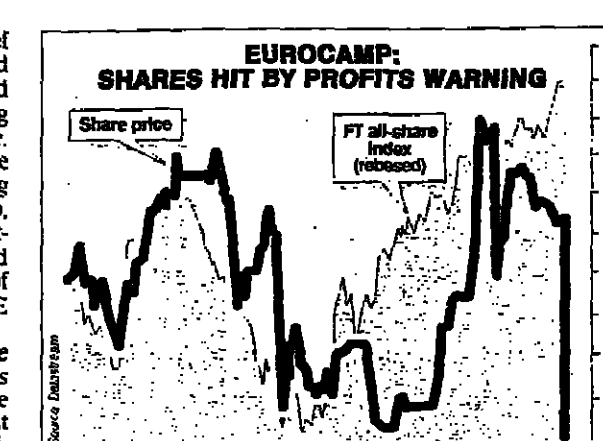
At one stage, the **Glaxo** price touched 652p before rallying to close off the bottom at 668p, a fall of 19p. Dealers calculated the initial mark-down had been equivalent to a fall of about five points in the FT-SE 100 index.

Glaxo tried to reassure the City that Dr Ernest Mario's departure had not been the result of a boardroom rift, but this was greeted with scepticism in the Square Mile. There had been intense speculation about a rights issue from Glaxo to make an acquisition in the US although this now appears to be ruled out.

But after seeing its shares underperform the rest of the market throughout 1992, Glaxo has made a shaky start to 1993 and brokers are concerned this latest episode may have succeeded in focusing investors elsewhere in the sector. Gains were recorded in **Fisons** 5p to 209p, **Medeva** 8p to 243p, **SmithKline Beecham 'A'** 18p to 491p and **Wellcome** 28p to 935p.

The rest of the equity market staged another resilient performance helped by some encouraging trading news with the FT-SE 100 rescuing an early 14-point fall to just 3.3 at 2,953.4 by the close. But business remained selective with about a dozen companies accounting for almost 200 million of the total 822 million shares traded.

Among the most active traded were **Cookson** nil-paid, 2p better at 19p, (11 million). **Trafalgar House** nil-paid, up ½p at 19p (11 million), **Ferranti International** 2p firmer at 16½p (15 million), **Berisford International**, 3p easier at 129p (26 million), **Hanson**, down 5½p at 248½p (13 million), and **Amstrad**, 4p higher at 35½p (20 million). The last named was chased higher on revived bid hopes.



Eurocamp, the package holiday group, 54p lower at 271p. The group said 1993 pre-tax profits were likely to be down on the previous year's £9.4 million if bookings did not improve. Tom Neville, the chairman, told shareholders at the annual meeting: "In the absence of the expected improved booking volumes for the remainder of the season and the achievement of satisfactory occupancy levels, a somewhat larger reduction in profits could arise". Eurocamp shares fell sharply in January after the figures. **Euro Disney** remained a nervous market falling 23p to £10.65 before figures due soon expected to reveal a big trading loss.

News that Pilkington, the glassmaker, has called a press conference today to coincide with full-year figures from Heywood Williams, its biggest customer, led to rumours of a big deal. Heywood is expected to reveal a fall in pre-tax profits to £3 million (£19.2 million) and a cut in the dividend.

Airtours, up 4p at 333p, stepped up the pressure on **Owners Abroad**, 1½p firmer at 141p, by picking up stock in the market. Brokers reckon Airtours has managed to snap up almost 4 per cent of the shares and may now speak for about 10 per cent. A total of 13 million Owners shares changed hands.

A profits warning left **Rolls-Royce** recovered an early mark-down to finish 2½p higher at 131½p despite plunging into the red last year, cutting the dividend and announcing plans to shed a further 5,000 jobs. The group reported a pre-tax loss of £184 million compared with a £51 million profit the previous year and was struck after exceptional provisions totalling £268 million to cover the cost of the proposed redundancy programme.

But **BTR** advanced 15p to 612p after learning that pre-tax profits had breached the billion-pound level with a rise from £917 million to £1.08 billion helped by a positive performance from Hawker Siddeley.

WPP Group, the advertising and media agency, rose 10p to 70p in response to a call for shareholders to find an extra £88 million. The terms are four-for-five at 45p with the proceeds being used to strengthen the balance sheet. Pre-tax profits in 1992 fell from £56.1 million to £23.2 million after exceptional charges of £30.6 million. Dividend repayments are forecast to resume this year.

AB Ports fell 5p to 396p after diving into the red last year with a pre-tax loss of £36.6 million against a profit in 1991 of £31 million.

The group was forced to increase provisions on property development from £29.7 million to £89.6 million as part of a deck-clearing operation. It also gave a warning that the recession was continuing to depress its core ports business.

MICHAEL CLARK

WORLD MARKETS

Nikkei makes it five gains in a row

Tokyo — Shares were off their lows in late afternoon trading as investors dismissed rumours that Russian president Boris Yeltsin was in danger of being ousted. The Nikkei index closed up 46.16 points at 17,904.79. The index has gained five days in a row for the first time in this year.

Brokers said investors were pleased the market was able to absorb the selling resulting from the rumours, and were concerned that the downside was too shallow to not buy.

But few were actually taking part in the market, and most investors were remaining sidelined before Friday's March futures settlement. The market had opened firmer and fluctuated in the positive zone until early afternoon, with the Nikkei peaking in mid-morning at 18,104.65, up 246.02 from Wednesday's close.

But profit-takers moved in during afternoon trade, on market talk that Russian President Yeltsin was in danger of being ousted, and the Nikkei bottomed at 17,735.43, down 123.19, in mid-afternoon.

☐ **Sydney** — Australian shares closed higher as investors saw a rise in unemployment as lifting the prospect of an opposition win in Saturday's federal election. The All-ordinaries index closed 13.7 points up at 1,661.1.

☐ **Frankfurt** — German share prices firmed towards the end of bourse floor session on a lack of negative news so far on the Russian power struggle and a revival of hopes for a key German rate cut soon. The Dax 30-share index closed up 7.72 points at 1,717.40.

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Dow slides after early bout of profit-taking

New York — Blue chips recovered at lunchtime from new session lows, but remained down amid a steady stream of profit-taking. But the broad and secondary markets moved higher, boosted by solid money flow into equities and investor bullishness after the week's record-setting rally.

"We're having a little sloppiness but it doesn't look like anything important," said Harry Laubscher, a market analyst at Tucker Anthony. "Breadth is not as bad as the Dow." The blue-chip Dow Jones industrial average measure was down 13 points at about 3,466 after falling in late morning to 3,459.

Traders said that they expect choppy market action over the near term as some investors consolidate recent gains while others continue pumping money into equities in anticipation of further gains.

"We tried to have a rally but then it fizzled," said Dale Tills, head of institutional trading at Charles Schwab, citing the attempt during the morning's trading to rebound from early losses. "I think we're seeing continued consolidation," he said.

Analysts said that an unexpected 0.3 per cent rise in February American retail sales was encouraging.

Economists had expected an unchanged retail sales rate. The December rate was revised to unchanged from up 0.3 per cent.

The latest weekly jobless claims increased by 376,000 from 351,000. Economists had expected a decline to 349,000. Analysts said the data sent a mixed signal to the bond market, which was mixed at lunchtime.

Among special situations, Lands' End rallied two to 27³/₈ after announcing higher-than-expected fourth-quarter earnings.

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WALL STREET

	Mar 11 midday	Mar 10 close
AMP Inc	60	60
AMR Corp	60	59
Abbott Labs	26	26
Aetna Life	48	48
Ahmanson (HF)	21	21
Air Prod & Chem	46	46
Albertson's	53	54
Alcan Alumnm	19	19
Alco Standard	42	42
Allied Signal	68	69
Alum Co of Am	70	72
Amax	19	19
Amerada Hess	51	52
Amer Brands	34	34
Amer Cyanamid	51	51
Amer El Power	36	36
Amer Express	27	27
Amer Genl Corp	32	32
Amer Home Pr	64	64
Amer Intl	127	127
Amer Stores	40	40
Amer T & T	57	58
Ameritech	73	74
Amoco	54	55
Anheuser-Busch	54	54
Apple Computer	56	56
Archer Daniels	26	26
Arkla	8	8
Armco	7	7
Armstrng Wrld	34	33
Asarco	24	25
Ashland Oil	28	28
Atl Richfield	116	116
Auto Data Pro	55	55
Avery Dennison	27	27
Avon Products	63	64
Baker Hughes	23	23
Baltim Gas & El	25	25
Banc One	54	54
BankAmerica	55	54
Bank of NY	58	58
Bankers Tr NY	73	73
Barnett Banks	49	50
Bausch & Lomb	57	57
Baxter Intl	30	30
Becton Dickson	36	37
Bell Atlantic	53	54
BellSouth	54	55
Black & Decker	18	18
Block (H&R)	38	38
Boeing	34	34
Boise Cascade	25	25
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Bristol Myrs Sq	58	58
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Can Pacific	14	14
Cptl Cities ABC	506	507
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Chevron Corp	77	77
Chrysler	39	40
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Citicorp	28	28
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Coastal Corp	25	25
Coca Cola	42	42
Colgate-Palmolive	65	65
Columbia Gas	22	23
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Compaq Comp	51	50
Comp Ass Intl	26	26
ConAgra	28	27
Cons Edison	35	35
Cons Nat Gas	47	47
Cons Rail	57	58
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Corning Inc	34	34
Crown Cork	39	39
Dana Corp	46	47
Dayton Hudson	80	79
Deere	56	56
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Deluxe Corp	43	43
Detroit Edison	36	36
Digital Equip	46	45
Dillard Dept St	44	44
Disney (Walt)	44	45
Dominion Res	43	43
Donnelley (RR)	29	30
Dover Corp	48	48
Dow Chemicals	56	57
Dow Jones	33	33
Dresser	19	19
Duke Power	39	39
Dun & Bradstreet	59	58
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Eastman Kodak	57	54
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Enron Corp	60	60
Entergy Corp	36	35
Ethyl Corp	29	29
Exxon	63	63
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Federal Express	57	58
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Ford Motor	49	50
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Melville Corp	49	49
Merck Inc	39	40
Merrill Lynch	71	70
Minnesota Mine	109	109
Mobil Corp	68	68
Monsanto	53	53
Morgan (JP)	69	69
Motorola Inc	64	63
Natl Medical	9	9
Natl Semi	12	11
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NBD Bancorp	35	35
NY Times A	30	30
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Norwest Corp	51	50
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Occidental Pet	20	20
Ohio Edison	25	25
Oracle Systems	34	33
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Pennzoil	57	57
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Philadel Elec	29	29
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Phillips Pet	28	28
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Quaker Oats	67	67
Ralston Purina	51	51
Raychem Corp	44	44
Raytheon	56	56
Reebok Intl	36	36
Reynolds Metals	51	52
Roadway Srvcs	65	65
Rockwell Intl	29	29
Rohm & Haas	59	59
Royal Dutch	85	86
Rubbermaid	34	33
Safeco Corp	63	63
St Paul's Cos	81	81
Salomon Inc	40	40
Santa Fe S Pac	13	13
Sara Lee Corp	30	30
Seacorp	49	49
Schering Plough	61	61
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Whitman	14	14
Winn Dixie	70	69
Woolworth	30	30
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	34	34
Xerox	84	85

BRITISH FUNDS

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
104	100	Treas 12½% 1993	102	.	12.21	5.61
100	95	Fund 6% 1993	100		5.99	5.52
107	103	Treas 13¾% 1993	105	-	13.03	5.44
102	96	Treas 8½% 1994	102	...	8.25	5.39
110	104	Treas 14½% 1994	105	...	13.36	5.38
110	103	Exch 13½% 1994	108	...	12.43	5.52
105	98	Treas 10% 1994	105	..	9.50	5.49
110	103	Exch 12½% 1994	109	.	11.40	5.56
105	96	Treas 9% 1994	105	.	8.54	5.61
111	102	Treas 12% 1995	111	.	10.81	5.69
96	88	Gas 3% 1990-95	96	...	3.11	4.64
109	99	Exch 10¼% 1995	109	+	9.35	5.95
116	106	Treas 12¾% 1995	116	.	10.93	5.95
120	109	Treas 14% 1996	120	+	11.64	6.20
125	113	Treas 15¼% 1996	125	.	12.19	6.33
120	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	119	+	11.07	6.33
111	98	Conv 10% 1996	111	+	8.98	6.49
122	109	Treas 13¼% 1997	122	.	10.94	6.63
113	100	Exch 10½% 1997	113	+	9.26	6.59
108	94	Treas 8¾% 1997	108	-	8.08	6.58
132	117	Exch 15% 1997	131	-	11.37	6.82
112	97	Exch 9¾% 1998	112	+	8.67	6.72
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
103	98	Treas 7¼% 1998	103		7.14	6.55
100	86	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100	..	6.70	6.59
138	123	Treas 15½% 1998	138	-	11.21	7.04
122	107	Exch 12% 1998	122	-	9.81	7.15
112	97	Treas 9½% 1999	112	-	8.46	6.91
124	107	Exch 12¼% 1999	124	-	9.85	7.21
117	101	Treas 10½% 1999	117	-	8.96	7.04
117	100	Conv 10¼% 1999	116	-	8.80	7.12
110	94	Conv 9% 2000	110	-	8.15	7.08
131	114	Treas 13% 2000	130	-	9.96	7.52
115	99	Treas 10% 2001	114	-	8.71	7.49
129	115	Treas 14% 1998-01	129	-	10.84	7.19
114	95	Treas 9¾% 2002	114	-	8.55	7.65
53	46	Treas 5pc 2003	52	-	7.79	7.59
116	100	Treas 10% 2003	115	-	9.65	7.90
122	107	Treas 11¾% 2001-04	122	-	9.42	7.76
74	59	Fund 3½% 1999-04	74	-	4.72	6.83
112	96	Conv 9½% 2004	111	-	8.52	7.96
112	96	Conv 9½% 2005	111	-	8.52	7.98
131	116	Treas 12½% 2003-05	131	-	9.54	8.12
101	85	Treas 8% 2002-06	100	-	7.95	7.97
125	110	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	124	-	9.42	8.08
104	87	Treas 8½% 2007	103	-	8.21	8.10
139	123	Treas 13½% 2004-08	138	-	9.72	8.12
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
108	93	Treas 9% 2008	107	-	8.38	8.15
99	85	Treas 8% 2009	99	-	8.08	8.20
107	93	Conv 9% 2011	106	-	8.44	8.29
107	93	Treas 9% 2012	106	-	8.45	8.31
76	62	Treas 5½% 2008-12	75	-	7.30	8.01
97	81	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	96	-	8.07	8.14
135	118	Exch 12% 2013-17	133	-1½	8.97	8.50
105	91	Treas 8¾% 2017	103	-	8.94	8.37
		UNDATED				
47	39	Consols 4%	47	-	8.45	..
42	35	War Ln 3½%	41	-	8.40	...
63	59	Conv 3½%	62	-	5.59	...
31	24	Consols 2½%	31	-	8.06	...
30	24	Treas 2½%	29	..	8.37	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
133	122	Treas IL 2% 1994	132	-	..	0.76
197	176	Treas IL 2% 1996	196	-	1.45	2.16
108	100	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108	-	2.01	2.56
169	139	Treas IL 2½% 2001	166	...	2.50	2.92
162	138	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162	...	2.76	3.04
110	101	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	110	...	2.88	3.15
168	137	Treas IL 2% 2006	168	...	2.99	3.20
152	124	Treas IL 2½% 2009	151	-	3.20	3.39
157	129	Treas IL 2½% 2011	156	-	3.28	3.45
129	106	Treas IL 2½% 2013	128	-	3.34	3.50
137	112	Treas IL 2½% 2016	137	..	3.41	3.56
131	107	Treas IL 2½% 2020	131	..	3.47	3.60
109	88	Treas IL 2½% 2024	108	-	3.50	3.62
109	91	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	109	..	3.51	3.63

GOVERNMENT securities enjoyed an early mark-up but were eventually dragged sharply lower by heavy selling on the futures market.

The June series of the long gilt future touched a new high of £107⁹/₁₆ before coming off the boil with traders in the pits hit hard by a wave of sell orders before next week's Budget. It finished the day 25 ticks down at £106½ in active trading that saw almost 37,000 contracts completed.

Brokers said investors had taken the view that the market had run its course for the time being having breached several support levels recently and perhaps now was the time to take profits. Prices in the cash market were also dragged lower after an initial bout of resistance to events on the futures market. But sentiment was hit by a weakening of prices in Europe after recent sharp gains.

The longer end of the cash market was worst hit with losses stretching to almost a full point. Treasury 9 per cent 2012 closed 31 ticks down at £106¹⁷/₃₂. Prices in shorts were less affected with Exchequer 9 per cent 1998 easing one tick to £112⁵/₁₆, while the short sterling contract even managed to end a couple of ticks higher on the day.

Dealers said losses in longs succeeded in steepening the yield curve and had reversed the recent trend resulting in a flattening out process. But with less than four days to the Budget, managers are reluctant to open new positions.

ADT refinancing 'within months'

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

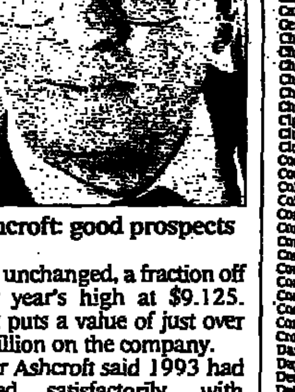
ADT, the Bermuda-based Anglo-American security and car auction business that has been in discussions with its bankers since the autumn, expects to announce a debt restructuring plan within months.

In a statement accompanying last year's results, ADT, headed by Michael Ashcroft, said talks were continuing and an announcement on refinancing would be made during the second quarter of this year.

The company's long-term debts total $844.4 million. Convertible preference shares worth an additional $400 million are also subject to refinancing.

ADT emerged from the red last year with a net income of $109.1 million, against losses of $514.3 million in 1991. Operating profits rose by almost 20 per cent, to $181.9 million, on turnover up by 8 per cent, to $1.3 billion.

ADT's shares, quoted on the New York Stock Exchange, were unchanged, a fraction off their year's high at $9.125. That puts a value of just over $1 billion on the company.



Ashcroft: good prospects

Mr Ashcroft said 1993 had started satisfactorily, with favourable prospects for continued growth. Much of last year's growth was generated by ADT's security business, where operating profits rose by 11 per cent, to $141 million. That from car auctions fell by 5.4 per cent, to $68.2 million.

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Wellcome	935p (+28p)
BTR	612p (+25p)
Iceland Frozen	738p (+15p)
Sothebys	900p (+12p)
Kode	173p (+13p)
N Brown	397p (+13p)
ICI	1263p (+15p)
Serco Group	915p (+15p)
Willis Corroon	208p (+18p)
FALLS:	
Commercial Union	612p (-14p)
Reuters	1416p (-15p)
Rank Org	663p (-10p)
Glaxo	668p (-19p)
HSBC	641p (-12p)
Standard Chart	703p (-13p)
THORN EMI	861p (-22p)
Redland	449p (-16p)
Inchcape	509p (-13p)
Danka Bus Systems	615p (-25p)

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For & Col US Slr Wts	41	...
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Merlin Intl Green Units	95	...
Motor World (210)	278	...
New City & Com Inv Tst	92	...
New City & Com Wts	25	...
Pilot Inv Trust (100)	99	...
Pilot Investment Wts	27	...
Schroder Split Fd (100)	104	...
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BREAKMAN LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF on 23rd March 1993 at 12 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated this 2nd March 1993
A G RAE, DIRECTOR.

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
B & C Properties (Investments) Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above name company will be held at 16 St Helen's Place, London EC3A 6DR on the 24th day of March 1993 at 11.00 am for the purposes, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a Liquidation Committee. Any proxy to be used at the meeting must be lodged at 16 St Helen's Place, London EC3A 6DR not later than 12 noon on the business day before the meeting. A statement of claim must also be lodged.
NOTICE is also given that, for the purpose of voting, secured creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given, and the value at which they estimate it.
A list of the names and addresses of the creditors of the above named company may be inspected at 16 St Helen's Place, London EC3A 6DR between the hours of 10am and 4pm on the two business days preceding the meeting.
Creditors are requested in any event to forward details of the amount due to them by the company (together with a statement of account where applicable) to 16 St Helen's Place, London EC3A 6DR in order that the Statement of Affairs being prepared by the company may be correct as possible.
Dated this 9th day of March 1993.
By order of the Board
Philip W Arkless, Secretary.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER VANTAGE INVESTMENTS LIMITED
Registered number: The company is registered in the British Virgin Isles and has no registered number in the UK. It should NOT be confused with Vantage Investments Limited, a company registered in the UK with number 2061686. Nature of business: Property holding company. Trade classification: 35. Date of appointment of joint receivers and managers, under the terms of a floating charge dated 9 November 1988: 14 December 1990. Name of person appointing the joint receivers and managers: Citibank, NA. Name of appointees: Dipankar Mohan Ghosh and Andrew Mark Homan. Office holder nos: 8798 and 5650. Address: Price Waterhouse 10 Bricket Road St Albans Herts AL1 3JX. Signed this fifth day of March 1993. D M Ghosh, Joint Administrative Receiver.

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF AISH ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING LIMITED (IN RECEIVERSHIP AND LIQUIDATION)
On 2 March 1993 the company was placed in creditors' voluntary liquidation. D J Bienkarn of Price Waterhouse, The Quay, 30 Channel Way, Ocean Village, Southampton, SO1 1XF has been appointed liquidator.
Creditors of the company are requested to send details in writing, of their claims against the company to the liquidator at the above address.
Claims need not be in any particular form, but creditors wishing to claim VAT bad debt relief are requested to complete the form issued by the liquidator. The liquidator reserves his right to require a creditor to support his or her claim by affidavit.
Date 4 March 1993
D J Bienkarn, Liquidator.

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver Fairfield Park Development Company Limited
Registered number: 2308076. Nature of business: Property Development. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 19 February 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: The Governor and Company of the Bank of Scotland. Joint Administrative Receivers: JCJ Readman and G Ritchie (office holder nos: 5890 and 6196). Address: George House 50 George Square, Glasgow G2 1RR.

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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver Marktrip Limited
Registered number: 2339245. Nature of business: Property Development. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 19 February 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: The Governor and Company of the Bank of Scotland. Joint Administrative Receivers: JCJ Readman and G Ritchie (office holder nos: 5890 and 6196). Address: George House 50 George Square, Glasgow G2 1RR.

Omnigrange Limited
Registered Number: 2180032. Trading Name: Omnigrange Limited. Nature of Business: Property Investment. Trade Classification: 35. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receiver: 3 March 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receiver: Singer & Friedlander Limited. Names of person appointed: Mark Pearce Riley 28 New Street Square, London EC4A 3LN, (Office Holder No 05778) Administrative Receiver.

RE: DANESBURY INSTRUMENTATION LTD. AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, on Monday the 15th March 1993, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co., Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Thursday 11th March 1993.
Dated this 18th day of February 1993.
R S GIBBONS, DIRECTOR.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 SOUTHERN COUNTIES ESTATES LIMITED
NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules that we, Alan John Sutton and Richard Paul Rendle of Baker Tilly, Chartered Accountants, Brazennose House, Lincoln Square, Manchester, M2 5BL were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above-named company at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members held on 4 February 1993. Our appointment was confirmed by a meeting of Creditors held on 17 February 1993.
Dated this 4th day of February 1993.
Alan J. Sutton and Richard P Rendle Joint Liquidators.

RE: NEALTONS LIMITED AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, on Tuesday the 16th March 1993, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co., Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Friday 12th March 1993.
Dated this 1st day of March 1993.
W F DURDEN, DIRECTOR.

RE: QUALACON LIMITED AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, on Friday the 26th March 1993, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Segal Davis Rose, Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Wednesday 24th March 1993.
Dated this 4th day of March 1993.
R ANDERSON, DIRECTOR.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 AIR WHITCOMBE LIMITED
NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules that we, Alan John Sutton and Richard Paul Rendle of Baker Tilly, Chartered Accountants, Brazennose House, Lincoln Square, Manchester, M2 5BL were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above-named company at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members held on 4 February 1993. Our appointment was confirmed by a meeting of Creditors held on 17 February 1993.
Dated this 4th day of February 1993.
Alan J. Sutton and Richard P Rendle Joint Liquidators.

LEGAL NOTICES

SCANDINAVIAN INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED (In Members' Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
On 26 February 1993 the above company was placed into Members' Voluntary Liquidation and Martin Fishman and Anthony William Brierley of Arthur Andersen, P.O. Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT, were appointed Liquidators by the Members.
The Liquidators give notice, pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to Martin Fishman c/o Arthur Andersen, PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT by 30 April 1993.
The Liquidators also give notice under the provision of Rule 4.182A(6) that on 31 May 1993 they intend to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 30 April 1993, and that there will be no further distribution to creditors.
The company is able to pay all of its known creditors in full.
Dated 9th March 1993
M Fishman and A W Brierley, Joint Liquidators.

VELAZQUEZ RESTAURANT ASSOCIATES LIMITED Trading As LA GIRALDA
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor) London, W2 6LF, on Wednesday the 24th day of March, 1993 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated the 8th day of March 1993.
DAVID A. BROWN, Director

PUBLIC NOTICES

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Taurus finally succumbs to fatal errors of conception

Jon Ashworth and **Graham Seargeant** trace the inevitable demise of a computerised share trading system that tried to be all things to all men

When Peter Rawlins was appointed chief executive of the Stock Exchange in November 1989, he dreamed of an electronic revolution that would do for the back office what Big Bang did to the old trading floor.

Today, the dream lies in tatters with nothing to show for it but a mountain of redundant computers and a bill which could top £400 million. And Mr Rawlins, 42, who has fervently supported the Taurus paperless settlement system in his time at Old Broad Street, was left with little option but to fall on his sword.

Few in the City will shed many tears. Even his friends concede that he is blunt to the point of rudeness, will not suffer fools gladly and has an unerring ability to put people's backs up. They will quickly add, though, that he is a brilliant man who will not shy away from tough decisions. Some afford him hero-status. Others will spit at the sound of his name.

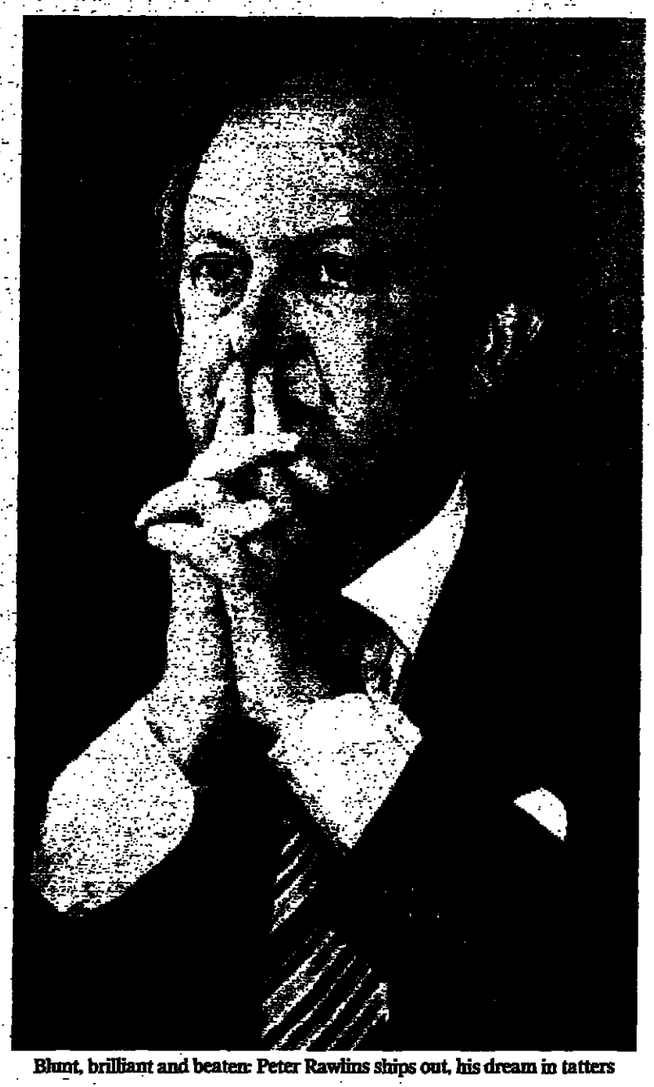
His job, by definition, has not lent itself to popularity. He was hired to bring the Stock Exchange up to date with the times and tackled his task with gusto. Within two years, he had fired 1,000 people, reducing the Stock Exchange staff by a third. Many of the sackings came on the computer side. Mr Rawlins was anxious to streamline the badly co-ordinated patchwork of computer services, including share price information and company news, and Taurus was to be the crowning glory of his ambition.

The idea seemed perfectly sound. Share certificates and stock transfer forms would be replaced by an electronic register. Regular statements would be sent to shareholders listing their transactions. But turning the idea into reality proved more difficult than Mr Rawlins could ever have imagined. Detailed testing began in January — *much later than anyone had anticipated* — and the official launch date was put back to the spring of 1994.

During the tests, the scale of the *problems facing Taurus became apparent.* Targets could not be hit within the present timetable. The snags could probably be ironed out but it would take until the autumn of 1995 to do so.

Such a delay was unacceptable, both to the Stock Exchange, which has invested up to £100 million in the project and to banks such as Lloyds, National Westminster and Barclays which act as registrars for Britain's army of investors and have been required to develop systems in tandem. The real cost of the debacle will probably never be known.

Taurus's roots go back to 1981 when the Stock Exchange first recommended book entry transfer of shares. By the time Mr Rawlins arrived, the critical



Blunt, brilliant and beaten: Peter Rawlins ships out, his dream in tatters

mistake had been made. The Stock Exchange had succumbed to pressure to make Taurus simulate the existing system as closely as possible, being *controlled by a committee and seeking* to satisfy a range of conflicting interests, including government fears for the rights and security of small *shareholders.*

The Stock Exchange knew Taurus would be extremely complex and difficult to perfect and push onto a largely apathetic financial community and corporate sector. But the financial and managerial commitment to the project was so big, increasingly also among brokers, banks and companies, that it took almost three years to realise that it could not be saved.

Computerised settlement was originally seen as a way of coping with the big daily dealings of financial institutions but was put on the back burner in the run-up to Big Bang, in October 1986, when the Stock Exchange's resources were concentrated on developing the Seaq automated quotations *system that became the basis for* dealing in the new market.

The Bank of England, meanwhile, had taken over responsibility for developing a *similar system for gilt-edged* stock which started operating under the *aegis* of the Bank's central gilts office in 1989. This system, which *offers simultaneous payment for big* deals in government stock, did not *attempt to cover small deals by private* investors, which are still handled in the traditional way by use of stock certificates.

When the Stock Exchange project was revived in 1987, it aimed to solve problems caused by the great increase in trading after Big Bang. This was partly caused by the big government privatisations to small investors. Taurus 1 was intended to cover all share dealings, making it more expensive, but had the virtue of relying on a single computerised register of shareholdings to be maintained by the Stock Exchange. This ran into objections from many providers and users of the existing paper system, notably the registrars, mainly owned by the big clearing banks, and companies who feared they might no longer know who owned their shares — critical during a takeover boom.

Taurus 1 was shelved and a new Taurus project launched in 1989 under the guidance of a committee that brought together all the main interests to ensure full City support. This new system was to abandon the single register of holdings. Instead it linked a series of existing commercial databases, *such as those maintained by* companies, registrars, bank nominees and brokers, through a network.

A series of delays to the launch timetable, originally planned to start operating for big companies late in 1990, should have provided warning signals. More and more requirements and specifications were added, partly to cope with special events such as rights issues and takeovers, and government regulations took far longer to agree and push through than expected.

The delays and complications also added to costs. ProShare, the organisation set up with Stock Exchange backing to promote individual share *ownership, became an unexpected* critic, arguing that the system would be so costly that it would make small shareholders too expensive for companies, *who had to offer free registration* if required. Each small shareholder might cost a company £6 to £7 a year in administration and postal costs. The companies might decide they did not want small shareholders.

Private client brokers wanted a simpler system and ProShare proposed last summer that the Stock Exchange should revert to a single register.

Geoffrey Maddrell, chief executive of ProShare, made clear yesterday that he would shed few tears over the demise of Taurus. He argued strongly for two systems: one for financial institutions and another, simpler system geared to the needs of private investors.

Mr Maddrell said that if the SE set up a single database as a separate company bringing in registrars as *minority shareholders, it could be* much more user friendly. This would allow private investors to be sent a single account covering all their holdings, *showing dividends and pre-paid* tax. If the Inland Revenue had access, he said, the account could even be used as a tax return.

Mr Maddrell argued that hiving off the settlement system, as had been done in New York, would allow the exchange to concentrate on developing computerised dealing on international stocks for institutions, and to develop a proper market in second line stocks geared to private investors.

As the City ponders the implications of the Taurus disaster, Mr Rawlins is likely to take a philosophical stance. In an interview with *The Times* in 1991, Mr Rawlins said he hoped to retire by the age of 50. "I have lived on my wits for most of my life," he said. "I'm very conscious of that fact. One day, the adrenalin will stop flowing and the luck will run out and I hope I will then say to myself that it is time to ship out."

TEMPUS

Rolls still reeling

THE dire conditions in Rolls-Royce's markets are *demonstrated by the £50 million* the group has been forced to set aside for its customers' bad debts. Normally only banks make provisions that large.

Unfortunately, the group's key markets in defence and civil aviation are not going to improve for some time. Both are large-order businesses that recover late in the economic cycle, and are therefore unlikely to pick up until 1995 at the earliest. Even when defence does revive, it is likely to be half the size it was in the late eighties, particularly if President Clinton carries out his threatened defence spending cuts. The slump in the world airfine industry has hit both engine orders and the demand for spares.

Faced with these conditions, Rolls-Royce *had little option but to restructure, although* the size of the provisions surprised analysts. It was also, partly, a response to even more draconian cuts made by its main competitors, Pratt & Whitney and General Electric.

Rolls-Royce has, however, improved its *competitive position, particularly in civil* aviation in which it now holds 22 per cent of the worldwide market. It has a £6.7 billion order book across all its businesses. But this is spread over five years, with more than 40 per cent falling after 1994. Meanwhile, the cost of keeping up with the American competition is heavy, as last year's £229 million development spending shows.

With the worst of the exceptional charges out the way, at least the 5p dividend looks sustainable. The prospective yield of 5.2 per cent reflects the time it will take the industry to return to health.

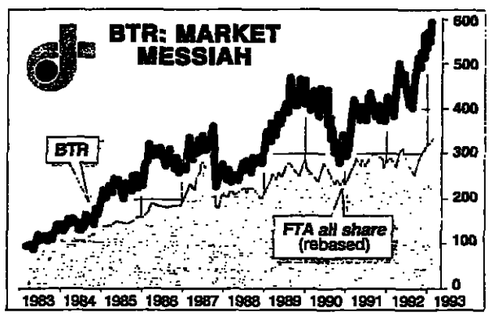
BTR

BTR has been able to do little wrong in the market's eyes since investors realised the scale of the benefits the group could wring out of the Hawker Siddeley acquisition.

Those benefits are only just beginning. BTR spent much of last year liberating Hawker's operational management and disposing of potential timebombs among *the former Hawker businesses*, such as the power station in Richmond, Virginia. The result has been a dramatic *rise in operating margins in* the Hawker business from 7 to 12 per cent. With more work margins should match the 14.5 per cent achieved by BTR's existing business.

In the short term, the group will benefit from sterling's devaluation since Britain accounts for only a third of sales. The largest concerns in the coming year are BTR's business in Germany and its aviation business, but these combined account for only 18 per cent of turnover.

BTR could generate £240 million from operations this year on a pre-tax profit of £1.2 billion. Added to another £100 million from disposals and up to £150 million from the exercise of warrants this should cut net debt to £1.7 billion by December, which would reduce gearing to 50 per cent. The shares still do not look overpriced despite their recent run.



Glaxo

GLAXO is not having a good week. First it is forced to admit publicly that it has received a warning from the US Food and Drug Administration over its marketing of Zantac. Then its chief executive abruptly resigns after disagreements over the group's strategy.

The share price has slumped on both occasions. *But neither event has weak*ened the group's fundamental strengths. It still has a superb portfolio with a number *of promising new drugs*, such as Zofran and Serevent, to fuel growth as Zantac's sales decline. The threat from Hillary Clinton's health reforms in the US has been overdone and the sector is beginning to bounce back on news that some of her health task force meetings will have to be conducted in public.

Historically, Glaxo has been on a significant premium to the market — as much as 70 per cent last year — but it now languishes. Once the dust settles, Glaxo should move ahead again. This looks a good time to buy.

RTZ

THE market did not react well to RTZ's failure to increase its 19.5p dividend, but the decision was hardly surprising given group's bleak forecast for metal prices. Every *10 cent fall in the copper* price costs RTZ £53 million in earnings and with copper currently trading seven cents *below last year's average* price, the group must be thankful that sterling's devaluation will flatter this year's *figures on translation.*

The coal acquisitions in Montana and Wyoming will make a negligable impact this year, but become increasingly important as the decade progresses. When base metal prices finally turn, the group is capable of earnings of 90p a share, but on present trends that will not happen until 1995 or later. A 675p share price is up with events.

WPP

MARTIN Sorrell, the low-profile accountant who heads WPP, is not the sort to be found tap-dancing around the block singing "Happy Days Are Here Again", even after last year's rescue package hauled the business back from the brink.

Nevertheless Mr Sorrell can allow himself some quiet self-congratulation as the once debt-crippled group looks ahead to an interest bill covered not too far short of ten times this year.

WPP has little chance of trading out of a crippling debt burden while revenues remain sluggish. The restructuring *left open a window to* raise fresh finance, duly taken yesterday as the shares traded on twice last summer's low point.

The rights and eventual sale of Scali McCabe Sloves should cut debt to some £250 million by the end of 1993, and WPP can hope to see margins approach 10 per cent on its £1.3 billion of revenues. The shares, ex-rights, trade on a forward multiple of 13 this year, falling to 10 in 1994. On those numbers, the company is heading back to the real world.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Insider dealing charge

A SENIOR director of Bell Lawrie White, the Scottish broking arm of TSB which today expects to conclude its sale to Brewin Dolphin, is due to appear in Edinburgh High Court on March 22 charged with contravening the 1985 insider dealing act. He is Thorold Mackie, a small companies analyst who is well-liked and highly respected within Edinburgh's financial circles. In line with standard practice, the Securities and Futures Authority *has suspended* him from its trading registers pending the result of the case. As Edinburgh wags move *from Harry's* Bar to Champagne Charlies, however, all talk centres on the fate of Bell Lawrie's institutional *business* after the merger. Brewin, a small London private client firm, apparently has no room in its strategy for *institutional* sales.

Ticklish record

EXECUTIVES at Poundstretcher, the discount retail chain, have broken the Comic Relief endurance record by keeping their bare feet in ten pints of live maggots for one hour, one minute and 15 seconds of toe-tickling agony. But Robin Taylor, Bridget Greenwood, Joy Murphy, Doreen Sheppard, Lee Ryder, Kevin Dixon and Colin Harrison now want to go *a step* further. Having raised £600, the team has pledged to regain their record by playing five frames of pool while *immersed* in vats of the creepy crawlies — should any other contenders attempt to challenge their record. "We were *sick as* parrots that officials blew the whistle on our record when they *did*," laments Harrison, the team captain. "But my team lost their concentration after several pints of lager and the unexpected intervention of the forces of nature." The team's enthusiasm for maggots has proved infectious: Leeds stockists are showing record demand for the creatures for Red Nose Day.

Fair wind

INTRUM Justitia, Europe's largest debt collection group, is entering a yacht in the 1993-4 Whitbread Round the World Race in a move to widen awareness of the company's name. Emblazoned across the *Intrum Justitia's* spinnaker will be the phrase Fair Pay Please, the company's marketing slogan. This has no connection with unions and salaries: it is a rather obvious pun on fair play. Bo Görensen, chief executive, likes to see his activities as equivalent to a football referee pulling out the yellow card, *which acts as a* warning to culprits. "We want the same warning in our industry," he says. "We expect correct payment from buyers on time. We look on it as being fair pay."

ANALYSTS seem encouraged by the divergence of opinion that has emerged among the Chancellor's independent economic advisers, the Seven Wise Men, after Professor Tim Congdon's diatribe against the other six. After all, the seven were always meant to represent a wide range of economic views. The latest Economic & Market Review *from Panmure Gordon, the broker, also seems unconcerned by the rows: "Once upon a time there were seven wise dwarfs. One of them was called Tiny Tim, but then he became Grumpy."*

Tax break

WANTED — workaholics — anyone aspiring to expand their workload might want to start by perusing employment advertisements in the quality press next week: Inland Rev*enue is ready to hire its first*-ever complaints adjudicator. The lucky applicant will handle complaints from the public about the services (or presumably lack thereof) that they are getting from their taxman or woman. The Revenue is looking for someone with "extensive business experience" and "experience of managing a large organisation". In return, it will offer a salary of up to £55,000 for a 20 hour week, which could lengthen if the volume of complaints turns out to be more than the predicted 20 to 60 a week. Potential adjudicators who do not know their schedule D from their schedule E should not despair — taxation experience is not a prerequisite.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK



"I hear poor Taurus has a touch of mad bull disease"

BUSINESS LETTERS

Banks should pay for their mistakes

From Mr D.S. Jenkins

Sir, Banks' declared past profits, made on subsequently acknowledged bad lendings, are now seen as not profits at all.

Remuneration which was directly related to these profits through profit-sharing schemes and target achievements should now be reconsidered.

The proportions attributable to bad lendings should be repaid to shareholders' funds.

At the same time, perhaps, consideration should be given to returning honours, which were given for outstanding achievement and which we now perceive as being quite the opposite.

Yours faithfully,
D.S. JENKINS,
Pound Hall Farm,
107 Norley Lane,
Studley, Calne,
Wiltshire.

Let signatories to rent agreements beware

From Mr P.A.J. Wilson-Gunn

Sir, You quoted the managing director of Greggs the baker (March 9) as calling on the government to outlaw highly inflationary, upward-only rent review clauses.

Someone within his organisation must have signed various leases that contained the onerous terms to which he attaches the blame for increasing overheads.

Surely it would be more appropriate to look to the surveyors and solicitors, who were paid to advise at the time, or even to the signatory within the company, who should have been aware of the implications of the contracts into which they entered?

Greggs work within a free market selling food — why should the same market rights be withdrawn from its landlords?

Caveat subscriptor! — even when one has professional advisers!

Yours faithfully,
PAUL WILSON-GUNN,
The Orchard Cottage,
Loxley, Warwick.

Pension scheme criticism must be balanced

From Mr John Allen

Sir, Not for the first time, Mr Hand (Business Letters, March 8) uses the blanket approach to criticism in a way likely to cause extreme concern to many pension scheme members, who have far more to gain than to lose from their company pension scheme membership.

No one denies the need for reform to prevent or at least severely hinder a repeat of the Maxwell scandal, but Mr Hand could at least introduce some balance into his arguments, if he acknowledged that most schemes are decently run by employers whose main concern is the wellbeing of their staff. His assertion, moreover, that insured schemes are "just as susceptible to fraud as self-administered schemes" *cannot* be correct — they can be criticised on various grounds but vulnerable to fraud they surely are not.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN ALLEN,
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Worcester Park,
Surrey.

Letters to The Times
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Preliminary results for the year to 30 January 1993

	1992/93 £m (53 weeks)	1991/92 £m	
Sales	2357.4	2280.4	+ 3%
Trading Profit (before Pensions)	111.9	111.4	
Pension costs	16.1	11.3	
Trading Profit	95.8	100.1	- 4%
Interest	24.4	22.8	
Profit before tax	71.4	77.3	- 8%
Taxation	9.0	8.3	
Preference dividends	0.2	0.2	
Surplus available for profit sharing and retentions	62.2	68.8	-10%
Retentions	34.0	38.6	
Partnership Bonus	28.2	30.2	

Profit sharing
All the equity capital of John Lewis Partnership plc is held in trust for the benefit of the workers in the business.
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For further details of the results and/or the John Lewis Partnership, please telephone 071-828 1000 extension 6222 or write to The Chief Information Officer, 171 Victoria Street, London SW1E 5NN.

Enterprise suffers from lower prices

BY MARTIN BARROW
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Capital expenditure has been maintained despite the uncertain outlook for oil prices, underpinning production in the North Sea well into the 1990s

DEPRESSED oil prices held back Enterprise Oil, the independent exploration and production company, last year and Graham Hearne, chairman and chief executive, gave warning that the outlook for the sector will remain difficult.

Net income fell to £87 million (£110.5 million) in 1992, with earnings reduced to 18.5p (24.5p) a share. The dividend is increased to 16p (15.75p), with a 9.5p final, reflecting the company's confidence in the future, Mr Hearne said. But the shares were marked down 9p to 498p by City investors.

Mr Hearne said: "In the past, Enterprise has performed well... and we are determined to remain strong in an uncertain market climate. We are determined to remain in a financially-strong position to take advantage of our growing production profile and opportunities as they arise."

Production averaged 145,813 barrels of oil equivalent per day, up 11.2 per cent, including 7,603 barrels of oil equivalent per day attributable to the group's interest in Elf Enterprise Petroleum, a joint venture with Elf Aquitaine, of France. The company achieved a new monthly production record of 177,110 barrels of oil equivalent per day in December. But benefits of increased production were countered by a lower average realised oil price of £11.32 per barrel, down from £11.88.

Enterprise said pre-tax profits rose to £144.9 million from £114.4 million, helped by higher production, lower operating costs from reduced maintenance requirements and other cost savings, as well as the gain on North Sea asset sales, and lower exploration costs written off. These benefits were offset by a drop in net interest income, the end of interest capitalisation on new fields brought into production and lower interest rates. A higher tax charge accounted for the decline in net income.

Group capital expenditure was £450.4 million, compared with £470.4 million in the previous year. Exploration and appraisal expenditure in 1992, excluding acquisitions, totalled £74.3 million, as against £115.8 million the previous year.

Enterprise said the Scott field in the UK sector of the North Sea was ahead of schedule and likely to begin production by the end of this year. Nelson, which is to be operated by Enterprise during the production phase, is due to come on stream as planned in the spring of 1994.

Enterprise said eight of its wells succeeded in finding hydrocarbons, with significant discoveries in the UK and Norwegian sectors of the North Sea. Proven and probable oil and gas reserves at year-end 1992 were 907.4 million barrels of oil equivalent against 948.3 million barrels 12 months earlier. The fall reflected asset sales and production, partly offset by asset acquisitions, reserve revisions and discoveries.



Looking for a better fit: Stephen Rubin, chairman, is on the acquisition trail after a rise in profits

Loss on disposals squeezes TI profit

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

TI, the engineering group that won control of Dowty, the aerospace specialist, after a bruising struggle last summer, denied suggestions that the subsequent downturn in the market for aircraft spares meant it had overpaid for the acquisition.

Sir Christopher Lewinton, TI's chairman, said Dowty's contribution in the second half of 1992 was £13.7 million, in line with his company's expectations. The unforeseen weakness in the aerospace spares market had been offset by a stronger-than-expected performance from Dowty's polymers business. This had lifted margins by 3 percentage points, to 12 per cent, under TI's ownership.

TI still believed it had acquired Dowty at the low point of the engineering cycle, and the aerospace market was expected to return to growth by 1995 or 1996.

TI was announcing 1992 pre-tax profits down by £17.8 million at £87.4 million. They were arrived at under the new FRS3 accounting convention, which requires exceptional items, in TI's case a £20.4 million loss resulting from the group's disposal programme, to be taken into pre-tax profits.

The interest line swung from a £7.8 million credit in 1991 to a £4.1 million deficit, after the assumption of £138 million of debt from Dowty, and exchange-rate movements, pushed borrowings to £233 million at the year end.

A final dividend of 7.0p makes a total of 10.7p (10.25p). Of the other two core operations, Bundy achieved organic growth of 11 per cent, despite difficult automotive markets, and John Crane managed 13 per cent growth. Sir Christopher, who plans to split the roles of chairman and chief executive, retaining that of chairman himself, said the first tentative signs of recovery were beginning to emerge in America, though Europe remained difficult. TI's shares rose by 11p to 321p.

Pentland pursues expansion policy

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

PENTLAND Group, the cash-rich sporting goods distributor, is actively seeking to make further acquisitions. Confirmation of that accompanied news of an 85.2 per cent rise in full-year profits before exceptional items.

The company, which last year pulled out of talks on buying Adidas and sold its 20.5 per cent stake in the German sports group, is considering branded and unbranded products that would be a "good fit".

Pentland, of which Stephen Rubin is chairman, unveiled profits before exceptional gains up to £36.3 million (restated £19.6 million).

However, after one-off profits of £47.3 million (£220.5 million) on currency gains associated with the Adidas deal and the subsequent sale of the group's stake, pre-tax profits fell to £86.3 million, against last time's figure of £240 million, also restated under the new FRS 3 accounting standard.

The group's net cash position improved to £347 million (£273 million). Interest income jumped to £26.1 million (£6.3 million).

Pentland, like its British competitors, has felt the effects of depressed consumer spending on both sides of the Atlantic, dumping of American shoes and de-stocking by retailers. But Mr Rubin said the progress of Speedo, the swimwear group, was "pleasing". Turnover, affected by discontinued operations, fell to £326.5 million (£340.1 million), with the UK accounting for about one third of sales. Turnover from continuing operations edged up 1.3 per cent.

Mr Farrant said that talks with a medium-sized American consumer products company are at an "advanced stage".

The dividend is raised to 2.5p (2.25p) a share for the year, with a proposed final payout of 1.46p (1.3125p). Earnings fell to 15.79p a share, against last time's 62.28p restated, but earnings before exceptionals increased to 7.36p (4.71p) a share. The shares rose 3p to 122p.

SENIOR APPOINTMENTS

SECRETARY TO THE INDEPENDENT TELEVISION COMMISSION

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The ITC is the body established by the Broadcasting Act 1990 to licence and regulate the provision of Independent television and other related services provided from within the United Kingdom.

Kenneth Blyth will be retiring as Secretary to the ITC in the summer of this year and the ITC is therefore, seeking a successor.

The Secretary leads a small group of staff and is responsible for guiding and advising the Commission on legislative and legal issues in relation to the ITC's functions, particularly the formal relationships with the ITC's licensees and other bodies. The ITC does not have an in-house legal service. Legal advice on a wide range of issues is provided by a major firm of London solicitors. The Secretary is also responsible for the organisation and recording of the Commission's meetings, and is a member of the Management Board which meets weekly under the chairmanship of the Chief Executive.

Applicants should be educated to degree level, with a qualification in law desirable, but not essential. They should have considerable experience at senior level in a Company Secretary's or equivalent office of a major organisation or public body, together with extensive experience of dealing with a wide range of policy and legal matters, particularly in relation to corporate structure, ownership and control. They should also have experience of contributing to broader policy and management issues at, or close to, board level.

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Interviews: 28 and 29 April 1993.

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Nivea sale lifts Smith & Nephew to £155m

■ Analysts believe the restructured company can achieve growth in turnover of up to 11 per cent a year, despite sluggish economic growth in its main markets

BY SARAH BAGNALL

THE sale of Nivea, the skin-care brand name, and strong sales growth in healthcare products lifted pre-tax profits under accounting standard FRS3 from a restated £70 million to £155 million at Smith & Nephew, the international healthcare and toiletries company.

Under the old accounting system pre-tax profits for the year to end December 1992 rose in line with market expectations to £144 million from £132 million.

The difference between the two sets of figures reflects the reclassification of extraordinary items as exceptional and discontinued operations as part of operating profits.

Under FRS3 a £40 million profit from the disposal of Nivea and a £19 million restructuring charge appear *above the line as exceptional* items. A £2.3 million loss from discontinued operations and a £7.8 million loss on disposal of these operations, largely relating to the sale of Solopak, the genetic drugs manufacturer, are taken into profits before tax.

The balance is made up by a £600,000 charge for post-retirement healthcare costs, taken in anticipation of new rules from the Accounting Standards Board. The final dividend is raised by 5 per cent to 2.82p, making a total for the year of 4.62p, compared with4.4p last time. The shares rose ½p to 154p.

The group saw strong sales growth in its core area of healthcare, particularly in its high-tech products, which range from orthopaedic implants of knees and hips to wound healing dressings. Eric Kinder, chairman, said: "Despite the worldwide recession our healthcare business has continued to gain in strength and we have consolidated our leading position in many key markets."

Healthcare operating profits advanced by £11.5 million to £119.6 million, compared with the static performance of its consumer and plastics goods, which reported profits of £26.4 million.

Paul Woodhouse, an analyst at Smith New Court, said he expected the plastics business to be sold off in line with the group's disposal programme of the last few years. "Two to three years ago there were a lot of peripheral activities which were diluting the results of the healthcare activities," he said, adding that now Smith & Nephew had the right business structure in place, the long-term outlook was a 9 per cent to 11 per cent growth in turnover a year.

Year-end gearing is at 12 per cent, cut by half from last year's level, and there was a net cash inflow of £67.7 million, helped by the disposals in 1992. Smith New Court is forecasting a pre-tax profit of £175 million for 1993, helped by a possible currency gain as a result of sterling's devaluation. More than 80 per cent of the group's turnover is in overseas currencies and roughly every ten cent move in the dollar adds between £5 million and £6 million to pre-tax profits.



Profits advance: Eric Kinder, chairman,left, and John Robinson, chief executive, of Smith & Nephew

Sterling's slide helps F&C to 5% revenue rise

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

FOREIGN & Colonial, the world's largest investment trust, celebrated its 125th anniversary by announcing a 5 per cent increase in net revenue, to £27.46 million, in 1992.

Net asset value per share recovered to 225.5p, thanks to sterling's departure from the *European exchange rate* mechanism in September. Michael Hart, chairman of F&C Management and a group board director, said the devaluation of sterling "made a tremendous difference" to the value of assets. That was because F&C had high overseas exposure, as well as investments in UK companies with overseas interests.

At the half year, net asset value had fallen by 1.7 per cent, to 181p, which reflected F&C's involvement in the Japanese stock market. The increase in net asset value per share on the year was 22.1 per cent, compared with a 15 per cent rise in the FT All-share index in the same period.

F&C is increasing its dividend payment by 5 per cent, to 3.35p a share, in line with forecasts made at the half-way stage.

Last year, Mr Hart accurately predicted that the FT-SE 100 index would reach 2,800 — it ended the year at 2,846.5. Yesterday, he stuck his neck out to forecast that it would reach 3,100 by the end of the year.

At the end of December, 39.9 per cent of F&C's assets were in Britain, 30.3 per cent in North America, 15.1 per cent in Europe, 8.6 per cent in Japan, 4.1 per cent in the Far East and 2 per cent elsewhere.

Mr Hart said he was hopeful of prospects in the UK market and believed progress was possible in America if President Clinton's policies proved popular and inflation could be kept down.

He said F&C would keep assets in Japan, in the belief that some progress would be made, though he admitted that this "was one of our policies that failed last year". F&C will also move more money into other markets in the Far East.

Surge at Lloyds Chemists

BY JON ASHWORTH

LLOYDS Chemists, Britain's second-largest chemists' chain after Boots, lifted pre-tax profits by 48 per cent, to £22.6 million (£15.2 million), in the six months to December 31. Turnover increased by 81 per cent, to £395 million (£218 million). Fully diluted earnings per share were 12.40p (10.68p). There is an interim dividend of 2p (1.55p), with a scrip dividend alternative.

Lloyds opened 14 new outlets during the period, taking the total to 869. The drugstore division increased like-for-like sales by 5 per cent. Holland & Barrett, the health food chain, is the division most exposed to the economic climate. Group sales for the first ten weeks of the current financial year are "most encouraging".

Turnover leapt after the acquisition last May of Macarthy, Britain's third-biggest chain of chemists, and several subsequent purchases. The 1991-2 turnover was equalled ten weeks into the second half of the current year.

The roles of chairman and chief executive have been split, with Allen Lloyd remaining chairman, and Peter Lloyd, his brother, becoming chief executive. The shares rose 14p to 313p on the announcement, but fell back to 302p.

John Lewis payout faces cut

BY MARTIN WALLER

The 34,000 workforce at John Lewis Partnership, the retail co-operative that owns department stores and the Waitrose supermarket chain, is facing the lowest payout since the business embarked on paying bonuses in cash more than 20 years ago, after the fourth consecutive fall in annual profits.

John Lewis has reported a fall to £71.4 million, from £77.3 million, at the pre-tax level in the year to end-January. The partnership's bonus scheme, which traditionally represents a significant share of staff remuneration, therefore falls to 8 per cent as a proportion of total pay, from 9 per cent in 1991.

Each partner, as the business terms its staff, will therefore see a bonus of about £900 for last year, a fall of £50 from the previous year. In 1987-8, before the unprecedented recession on the high street, staff were taking home bonuses of 24 per cent.

Stuart Hampson, appointed chairman this year, said although trading profit was £500,000 higher at £111.9 million, pension costs had risen by £4.8 million and interest costs, on average borrowings of £238 million, were £1.6 million higher.

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Dividend last year was 3.2p. Order intake healthy after Christmas because retailers left with lower stocks

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EPS: 0.16p (0.7p)
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Div: 4p (4p)
Profits last time were £793,000. Bank debt down to £8.5m from £10.1m. Trading difficult in UK but prospects still better in Europe

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Pre-tax: £1.45m
EPS: 3.01p (0.58p)
Div: 0.9p, mkg 1.3p
Profits last year were £591,000 and dividend was 1.10p. Current year made encouraging start with signs of a recovery in confidence

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Pre-tax: £1.03m
EPS: 8.6p (3.9p)
Div: 4p, mkg 5.5p
Last year's profits were £486,000 and the dividend was 4p. Revenue from computer services doubled after acquisition of DCM

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Pre-tax: £1.41m (£1.53m)
EPS: 6.2p (8.7p)
Div: 1.4p, mkg 2p
Dividend last year was 2p. Turnover up to £104.8m from £72m, with operating profits of £1.9m, against £1.66m

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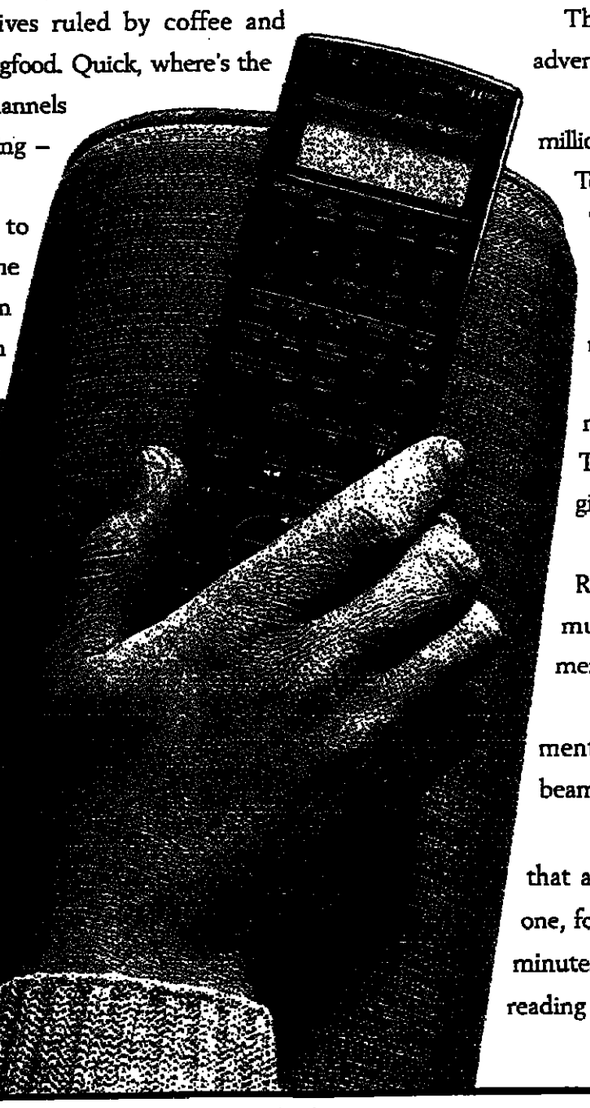
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-do- Inc	92.54	97.73†	-0.01	6.62
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Convertibles	52.45	56.09	-0.06	7.40
Eastern	178.00	191.70	-2.00	1.70
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Exempt	82.98	85.25	...	3.80
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-do- Inc	38.31	40.97	+0.08	4.52
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Amer Gth Acc	60.81	65.03	+0.12	...
-do- Inc	59.67	63.82†	+0.12	...
Euro Gth Acc	97.84	104.64	+0.19	1.78
-do- Inc	96.50	103.21†	+0.19	1.78
Mngd P folio	34.90	37.33	+0.07	1.54
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Mngd P folio Inc	92.69	98.72†	+0.15	2.11
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European	67.60	71.55	-0.11	1.05
-do- Acc	70.09	74.16	-0.12	1.05
Far East Gen	53.31	56.72†	+0.80	...
-do- Acc	53.31	56.72	+0.80	...
Glenfriars	253.70	269.90†	...	0.98
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Growth	378.50	404.90†	+0.80	2.53
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Income Growth	374.10	398.00†	+3.00	3.96
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-do- Acc	10989.0	11363.0	-1.00	2.64
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Euro Gth	81.71	86.97	+0.04	1.42
Far East Growth	83.85	89.48	-0.52	0.16
Global Bond	23.97	25.25	...	6.66
Hong Kong	75.38	80.44†	-2.01	0.60
Income	510.00	544.20	-0.20	4.60
Intl Growth	74.29	79.27	-0.34	1.03
Japan Growth	221.70	236.60	+2.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	27.01	28.82†	+0.28	...
Japan Index	65.88	70.30†	+0.67	0.29
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City Fin Assets	62.08	67.20	..	2.41
Beckman Intl	84.40	89.10	...	3.18
Friars Hse Inc	179.76	193.23	...	6.41
Friars Hse Cap	252.10	271.08	...	2.86
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222. Dealing: 081 686 9818				
American Gth	115.65	123.03	+0.37	..
European Gth	96.46	102.62	-0.26	1.11
Far East Gth	98.55	104.84	+0.23	0.46
Japan Gth Acc	35.08	37.32	+0.26	...
Managed	62.25	66.21	-0.12	2.92
-do- Acc	75.18	79.98	+0.14	2.92
Mthly Inc Plus	47.35	50.37	-0.54	8.57
Smaller Cos	34.01	36.18†	+0.13	2.15
-do- Acc	38.32	40.77	+0.15	2.15
UK General	69.53	73.97	+0.20	2.66
-do- Acc	83.35	88.67	+0.23	2.65
Wwide Bd	65.18	69.34†	+0.05	6.29
-do- Acc	83.85	89.20	+0.07	6.29
Wwide Sp Sits	55.35	59.20	+0.12	0.19
-do- Acc	57.60	61.67	+0.13	0.19
Quilter General	124.04	131.96	+0.19	2.60
-do- Acc	136.53	145.24	+0.19	2.60
Quilter Income	92.79	98.71†	-0.50	4.53
-do- Acc	114.36	121.66	-0.62	4.53
Quilter Intl	129.17	137.41	+0.54	0.61
-do- Acc	130.95	139.31	+0.54	0.61
Quilter UK Spec	70.60	75.11	-0.33	2.41
-do- Acc	93.41	99.37	-0.43	2.41
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Fin Property	102.30	108.83	-0.29	1.70
Fixed Conv	40.73	43.33	+0.04	8.48
-do- Acc	106.27	113.05	+0.13	8.48
Equity Inc	146.36	155.70†	+0.15	3.96
-do- Acc	470.62	500.66	+0.49	3.96
High Yield	117.92	125.45†	-0.15	5.16
-do- Acc	445.88	474.34	-0.56	5.16
Preference	48.18	51.26	+0.08	7.70
-do- Acc	244.09	259.67	+0.44	7.70
PPT Europe	152.87	162.63	-0.44	0.52
PPT Global Bnd	85.43	90.75	+0.04	4.71
PPT Gold Com	50.77	54.01	+0.06	...
PPT Thai	57.10	60.74	+0.32	...
PPT Hong Kong	99.51	105.86	-1.50	0.32
PPT Japan	97.06	103.26	+0.81	...
PPT N Amer	159.60	169.79	+0.66	...
PPT S'pore Mly	101.10	107.55	-0.04	...
PPT UK	117.46	124.96	+0.34	1.39
PPT Cash	91.22	91.22	+0.01	6.02
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ. 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	78.32	83.32	-0.69	0.95
Japanese Acc	50.95	54.20	+0.25	...
UK Balncd Inc	128.40	136.50	-0.20	2.50
-do- Acc	147.60	157.00	-0.20	2.50
UK Growth Acc	208.60	221.90	-0.20	2.18
UK High Inc	134.90	143.50	-0.30	6.62
-do- Acc	159.20	169.40	-0.20	6.62
N America Acc	118.70	126.30	+0.70	0.31
European Acc	155.30	165.20	...	0.42
UK Pref F/I Inc	60.94	64.66	+0.08	8.74
-do- Acc	98.36	104.40	+0.20	8.74
Intl Sp Sits Acc	47.36	50.38	+0.21	0.22
Environmntl Opp	72.37	76.99	-0.06	1.44
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	118.80	126.20	+0.50	...
UK Smlr Cos	184.60	196.10	-0.10	1.27
Eurofund	38.60	41.02	+0.07	0.98
Mngd Exempt	167.80	174.90	+3.50	3.00
Growth Inc	214.30	227.70†	-0.20	3.95
High Dist	138.70	147.40	-0.60	3.87
International	321.30	341.30	+0.90	0.95
Intl Income	82.53	88.10	-0.24	2.95
Pacific	57.30	60.88	-0.39	0.49
Smllr Jap Cos	57.41	61.00	+0.69	...
Tokyo	171.40	182.10	+2.40	...

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Japan Exempt	98.42	98.04	+4.83	0.51
Sm Jap Exempt	474.50	487.50	-15.80	0.10
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU. 071 373 7261				
Endurance	171.60	182.50	+4.50	1.13
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW. 0296 431480				
Pelican	107.06	112.69	+0.04	3.38
High Income	120.73	127.08	-0.41	5.08
Tst of Inv Tsts	142.29	149.78†	+0.05	2.24
Special Sits	85.25	89.74	+0.38	3.12
North American	110.44	116.25	+0.96	0.90
Far Eastern	222.08	233.77	-0.14	1.55
Intl Growth	91.75	96.58†	+0.33	1.50
European	65.08	68.50	-0.08	2.12
Smaller Cos	70.91	74.64	+0.12	2.29
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
America	231.00	245.30	+1.40	...
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	6.00
European Tst	113.40	120.60	+0.10	...
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	95.62	101.20	-0.20	0.85
Far Eastern	123.30	131.90	+0.80	...
Oseas Income	91.68	98.23	+0.28	2.68
UK Growth	93.12	99.59	+0.09	1.31
UK Income	102.80	109.90	-0.10	3.79
US Smaller Cos	244.30	261.30	+1.50	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT. 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	438.70	469.10	+2.60	...
-do- Acc	448.20	479.30	+2.70	...
Capital	283.80	301.80	+0.30	2.17
-do- Acc	391.80	416.70	+0.50	2.17
Contl Smllr Cos	47.32	50.93	+0.14	1.14
-do- Acc	48.96	52.70	+0.15	1.14
Convertible	110.50	117.50	-0.10	6.51
-do- Acc	204.60	217.60	-0.20	6.51
European	99.20	105.90	-0.30	1.24
-do- Acc	102.50	109.50	-0.20	1.24
Extra Income	287.80	305.90†	-0.10	4.39
-do- Acc	402.60	428.20†	-0.30	4.39
Financial	109.20	117.20	+0.50	0.56
-do- Acc	113.60	121.90	+0.40	0.56
Health Fund Inc	115.30	123.10	+1.00	...
-do- Acc	115.30	123.10	+1.00	...
Income Tst	177.80	189.10	+0.40	4.07
-do- Acc	247.80	263.50	+0.60	4.07
Intl Growth	311.50	333.90	+0.80	...
-do- Acc	345.90	370.80	+0.90	...
Japan Gen	145.70	155.80	+1.90	...
-do- Acc	147.20	157.40	+2.00	...
Mngd P folio Inc	91.12	95.91	-0.07	1.05
-do- Acc	94.08	99.03	-0.07	1.05
Monthly Income	145.10	154.30	+0.30	4.53
Recovery	297.70	318.30†	+1.10	0.89
-do- Acc	348.70	372.80†	+1.30	0.89
Gilt Gth Tst	63.04	65.00	+0.01	7.06
-do- Acc	79.14	81.60	+0.01	7.06
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH. Dealing: 0722 411411. Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	351.54	373.98	-0.43	2.94
-do- Acc	709.80	755.11	-0.87	2.94
Euro Gth Dist	107.12	113.96†	-0.09	0.84
-do- Acc	110.32	117.36†	-0.09	0.84
Fixed Int Dist	131.16	138.75†	+0.07	6.39
-do- Acc	220.30	233.02†	+0.11	6.39
Intl Gth Dist	75.90	80.75	+0.14	0.74
-do- Acc	78.52	83.53	+0.14	0.74
Nth Amer Dist	177.09	187.61	-0.47	0.75
-do- Acc	192.04	203.45	+0.50	0.75
Par Basin Dist	229.64	244.30	+0.15	0.31
-do- Acc	233.26	248.15	+0.14	0.31
Stewardship Dist	298.62	317.68	-0.31	1.95
-do- Acc	353.29	375.84	-0.37	1.95
Stwd Inc Dist	62.01	65.97†	+0.03	3.86
-do- Acc	73.97	80.82†	+0.04	3.86
N Am Stwd Dist	103.48	110.09	+0.24	...
-do- Acc	109.47	116.46	+0.26	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	143.40	153.40	+2.60	...
European	402.70	426.60†	-1.30	0.99
Far East General	201.10	215.10	...	0.33
Germany	101.00	107.00	-0.10	0.43
Global Assets Ac	67.11	71.70	+0.02	2.25
Global Assets In	70.31	75.13	+0.04	2.22
Income Inc	108.80	116.40†	+0.40	7.56
International	256.10	273.80†	+0.40	1.02
Intl Income	79.04	83.88	+0.21	4.76
Japan General	325.30	345.30	+3.90	...
Smllr Cos Div	45.33	48.49	+0.15	6.26
UK Capital Inc	153.50	164.20†	-0.30	4.06
-do- Acc	262.60	280.90	-0.40	3.99
UK Spec Sits	70.45	75.35	+0.20	1.69
US General	118.40	126.10	-0.10	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	114.60	122.60	-0.10	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212. Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	43.68	46.72†	+0.05	1.24
Cash Trust*	127.65	127.65†	+0.02	5.82
Pract Inv Inc	102.62	110.05	-0.37	3.99
-do- Acc	219.08	234.94	-0.81	3.99
UK Smaller Cos	96.75	103.75	-0.08	1.60
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.99	26.73	+0.02	8.27
High Inc	31.04	33.20†	-0.19	5.45
UK Equity Inc	128.49	137.42†	+0.37	3.99
Global Bond	30.71	31.82	-0.06	5.41
International Funds				
Gold Intl	65.39	70.12	+0.19	1.67
Frontier Markets	40.95	43.91	+0.03	0.23
Global Inc Gth	123.37	131.66	-0.41	2.33
UK Intl	109.29	116.89	+0.57	0.74
Overseas Funds				
American	135.27	144.19	+0.82	0.58
European	82.76	87.67†	-0.20	0.87
Euro Sel Opps	95.45	101.58†	+0.06	1.26
American Emerg	80.19	85.99	+0.59	...
Hong Kong	109.19	117.06†	-1.16	2.04
Japan	178.08	189.49	+2.01	...
Pacific Growth	143.88	154.29	-1.11	0.50
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979. Dealing: 071 588 0626				
Intl Growth	123.47	132.06	+0.44	0.47
American Gth	122.38	130.89	+0.86	...
European Gth	69.07	73.86	-0.45	0.47
German Horizon	48.13	51.33	-0.25	0.92
Japan Gth	65.69	70.26	+0.92	...
Pacific Inc	130.66	139.74	-0.31	3.00
Pacific Strategy	108.54	116.08	+0.05	...
UK Frog Inc	74.07	78.10	+0.33	4.86
Gt British Cos	48.93	51.56	-0.03	2.42
UK Small Cos	43.69	46.72	-0.15	2.13
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE. 071 538 9668				
Cash	130.20	130.20	...	4.82
Gilt Fixed	120.70	128.00†	+0.10	6.57
Growth Equity	285.30	304.80	-0.30	2.30
Guardhill	422.20	491.00†	-0.50	2.59

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Income Trust	106.80	114.00	-0.20	3.76
International	155.20	165.80	+0.30	0.38
Japan Trust	106.80	113.80	+0.30	...
Managed	...	...	...	...
Nth American	269.00	287.30	+0.70	0.43
Pacific	344.10	367.60	+0.20	3.76
Prop Shares	...	...	...	...
Small Cos	...	...	...	...
European	345.20	366.80	-0.30	0.57
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW. 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	35.14	37.25†	+0.10	1.65
-do- Acc	36.79	39.00	+0.10	1.65
Inc Adv Inc	29.57	31.35†	+0.10	4.12
-do- Acc	30.74	32.59	+0.10	4.12
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	73.22	78.44	-0.03	0.70
Equity Income	111.70	118.80†	-0.20	3.60
European	133.90	141.60	-0.10	1.50
Intl Situation	74.36	79.00	-0.19	...
Japanese	118.00	125.60	+0.20	...
North American	106.20	113.20	-1.30	0.08
Scandinavian	105.90	111.90	-0.20	0.12
Smaller Cos	30.02	31.94†	+0.76	2.29
HENDERSON PO Box 2003, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XT. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	92.50	98.81	+0.44	...
Asian Enterprise	118.98	128.55	-0.78	0.92
Australian	137.39	146.86	+2.50	1.51
European	368.48	389.81	+0.78	1.12
European Inc	69.73	73.70†	+0.12	3.39
Euro Sml Co	121.64	128.66	+0.92	0.62
Extra Income	255.24	271.72†	-0.23	5.36
Family of Funds	68.49	73.13	+0.12	1.46
Fixed Interest	55.47	59.31†	+0.06	9.66
Global Resour	86.08	92.40	+0.90	1.22
High Inc	279.48	298.75†	+0.74	4.77
Income Gth	235.37	250.65	+0.52	3.97
-do- Acc	592.29	630.78	+1.32	3.97
International	224.66	239.91	+0.88	0.87
Japan Spc Sit	198.64	208.05	+1.20	...
Japan	167.83	178.40	+0.51	...
N Amer	237.95	253.13	+2.17	0.20
Pacific Smllr Cos	165.91	179.21	+0.05	0.57
Pref Gilt	46.78	50.84†	+0.07	9.10
Smaller Cos Div	156.17	170.27†	+0.21	4.36
Special Sits	252.36	270.02†	+0.33	1.59
-do- Acc	387.78	414.91†	+0.50	1.59
Best of British	56.01	60.03	-0.20	2.64
Spirit of the East	54.72	58.64	+0.08	0.85
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355				
British	88.60	94.73	-0.05	2.29
Capital	155.00	165.70†	-1.30	1.95
Dollar	322.90	345.30	-1.80	0.16
European	193.50	206.90	+0.40	0.54
Far East	231.50	247.50	...	0.61
Financial	652.50	697.80	+1.40	2.55
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	26.27	27.29	-0.04	7.87
High Yield	99.21	106.10	...	4.92
Income	134.00	143.30	-0.10	3.46
Intl	211.50	226.20	+0.70	0.36
Japan Tech	57.20	61.17	+0.63	...
Nat Resources	56.45	60.37	-0.23	0.78
Security	293.10	313.40†	+0.30	2.10
Smaller Cos	103.50	110.60	-0.30	1.65
Special Sits	132.80	142.00†	-0.20	2.09
US Smaller Cos	67.20	71.87	+0.42	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN. 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	255.60	269.00	+2.90	1.34
Capital Gwth	103.50	108.90	...	2.44
Inv Trusts	127.00	133.70	...	0.71
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR. 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	22.97	25.26†	+0.02	1.68
Special Features	27.14	28.83	+0.06	1.59
-do- Acc	31.83	33.81	+0.06	1.59
General Funds				
UK Growth	53.33	57.12	+0.29	2.29
Assets Earnings	70.78	75.20†	+0.33	1.98
do Acc	83.18	88.37†	+0.39	1.98
Managed Invest	83.42	89.11†	+0.30	1.34
Rupert Childrns	76.37	81.40	+0.12	1.72
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.20	50.20†	+0.01	4.99
Extra Inc	78.98	84.56†	+0.02	5.46
Gilt	28.14	29.63	+0.01	6.95
Income Gth	38.34	40.98	+0.04	3.62
MIMstar	77.37	79.31	+0.13	8.48
Preference	17.91	19.56†	-0.01	6.75
UK Income	308.20	329.50	+0.20	3.32
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	54.82	58.34	-0.02	1.46
Property Shares	57.37	60.95†	+0.01	2.27
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	140.10	147.40	-0.10	4.37
European Acc	111.50	118.60	-0.30	2.01
European Dist	106.50	112.90	-0.30	2.01
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	51.51	54.76†	+0.33	1.02
European Perf	108.80	115.40	+0.10	1.30
-do- Acc	110.80	117.60	+0.10	1.30
Euro Small Cos	20.80	22.16	+0.14	0.80
French Growth	69.23	73.66†	-0.52	0.57
-do- Acc	73.78	78.50†	-0.56	0.57
Hong K/China	67.39	72.35	-1.21	1.30
Intl Growth	49.99	53.11	+0.09	0.83
-do- Acc	49.99	53.11	-0.09	0.83
Japan Perf	27.89	29.62	+0.30	...
Accum Units	27.89	29.62	+0.30	...
Japan Smlly Cos	29.07	30.87	+0.42	...
Singapore Asean	71.24	77.30	-0.56	0.58
-do-Acc	71.68	77.78	-0.56	0.58
South East Asia	213.60	230.10†	-2.00	0.96
US Smllr Cos	114.50	121.60	+1.10	...
-do- Acc	115.70	122.90	+1.10	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	84.44	89.93	+0.21	2.70
Intl Bond	58.28	59.05†	...	6.59
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3. 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	68.82	69.16†	...	5.44
Extra Income	51.36	54.66†	-0.67	7.06
Gilt Yield	119.50	126.00†	-0.10	7.94
Global Income	199.50	212.20†	+0.90	4.03
High Yield	133.30	141.80	...	6.19
Smllr Cos Div	45.72	48.64†	+0.07	4.91
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	93.39	99.35	-0.95	...
North American	79.22	84.28	-0.54	0.42
European	131.90	140.30	+0.10	0.80
Euro Special	78.16	83.15	+0.08	1.00
General	267.30	284.40	+1.40	3.35
Japan	334.80	356.20	+4.40	...
Japanese Special	179.50	191.00†	+1.40	...
Master Acc	217.10	231.00	+1.00	1.43
Pacific	250.40	266.40	-0.60	0.50
Smaller Cos	97.29	103.50	+0.20	2.23
UK Equity Gth	34.62	36.83†	-0.12	2.69
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB. 031 550 5151				
European	73.76	78.47	-0.10	0.52
Extra Income	24.36	25.92	+0.16	3.46

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Far East	24.22	25.77	-0.08	0.98
Income Gwth	72.40	77.02†	-0.30	3.05
Intl Growth	50.77	54.01	+0.06	0.88
Japan	53.40	56.81†	+0.06	...
Maximum Dist*	100.70	102.70†	...	7.36
N Amer Equity	42.43	45.14	+0.44	0.47
UK Equity	86.80	92.34	-0.06	3.23
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	53.68	57.11	+0.32	4.66
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex. Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	425.20	452.30†	+0.80	2.86
Equity Acc	808.10	859.70	+1.60	2.86
Equity Income	91.11	96.93	+1.07	5.10
European	96.35	102.40†	-0.40	1.67
Far Eastern	165.30	175.90	-0.10	0.33
Fixed Interest	51.24	54.51†	+0.12	7.57
Gilt	92.66	98.26	+0.03	6.95
Global Growth	64.40	68.51	+0.07	0.76
Intl Bond	58.12	61.63†	-0.10	4.95
Japanese	58.48	62.23	+0.23	...
Overseas Equity	93.44	99.40	-0.30	0.79
Pacific Gth	80.45	85.56	-0.46	1.31
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834313				
Balanced	317.80	338.10	-1.30	2.90
-do- Acc	688.20	732.20	-2.70	2.90
Contl Euro Gth	51.56	54.28	-0.21	1.37
-do- Acc	54.52	57.39	-0.23	1.37
Extra Inc	239.90	255.30	-0.70	3.98
-do- Acc	583.30	620.80	-1.60	3.98
German Gth	104.30	109.80	+0.80	0.11
-do- Acc	109.40	115.20	+0.90	0.11
Growth Port	483.30	514.20	-0.50	1.51
-do- Acc	483.30	514.20	-0.50	1.51
Income	449.60	478.40	-1.10	3.71
-do- Acc	1139.0	1212.0	-3.00	3.71
Income Port	487.90	518.30	-0.40	4.95
-do- Acc	487.50	518.30	-0.40	4.95
Japan Growth	79.65	84.74	+0.49	0.01
-do- Acc	79.99	85.04	+0.50	0.01
Master Trust	51.88	55.20	-0.06	1.46
-do- Acc	56.43	60.04	-0.07	1.46
N American Gen	194.30	206.80	+3.60	0.01
-do- Acc	224.50	238.90	+4.20	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	141.60	150.70	+3.90	0.01
-do- Acc	144.50	153.80	+4.10	0.01
Pacific Basin	200.50	213.40	+1.30	0.51
-do- Acc	212.00	225.60	+1.50	0.51
Small Cos Rec	300.80	316.70	+0.40	2.45
-do- Acc	388.10	408.60	-0.30	2.45
UK Growth	77.81	82.78	-1.64	2.35
-do- Acc	90.73	96.53	-1.91	2.35
Worldwide Gth	275.60	293.20	+0.10	0.27
-do- Acc	406.10	432.10	+0.10	0.27
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282673				
General	77.78	83.45	-0.19	3.00
Income	59.55	63.89†	-0.14	5.90
International	55.74	59.81	+0.13	0.80
American	62.94	67.53	+0.33	0.30
Japan	42.69	45.81	+0.31	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	54.45	58.42	...	2.00
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	409.50	432.30†	+2.90	0.85
-do- Acc	505.30	535.40	+3.60	0.85
American Rec	426.80	451.30	+2.20	0.40
-do- Acc	488.30	516.30	+2.50	0.40
Am Sm Co Acc	122.60	130.10	+0.40	0.03
Australia Acc	144.30	152.60	+3.00	1.52
Capital	617.90	653.40†	-1.40	3.15
-do- Acc	681.80	720.90	-1.60	3.15
Commodity Acc	393.00	415.70	+3.90	1.22
Compnd Gth	801.80	847.90	-1.60	3.25
Dividend	33.70	36.10	-0.10	4.70
-do- Acc	131.20	140.60	-0.20	4.70
Equity Inc	280.50	296.60†	+1.30	5.48
European Div	57.60	61.30	+0.30	4.81
-do- Acc	65.10	69.30	+0.40	4.81
European Gen	384.20	408.20	+0.40	1.73
-do- Acc	479.90	507.70	+0.60	1.73
Extra Yield	358.00	383.10	...	4.77
-do- Acc	1028.8	1101.0	+0.20	4.77
Far Eastern	268.60	286.10†	-0.50	1.36
-do- Acc	353.30	376.30	-0.70	1.36
Fund of Inv	492.00	520.30	...	2.44
-do- Acc	887.70	938.90	...	2.44
General	52.40	55.40	-0.10	3.87
-do- Acc	138.10	146.00	-0.30	3.87
Gilt Fnd Ins	62.50	62.50†	...	8.18
do Acc	154.40	154.50	...	8.18
Gold	37.60	39.80	+0.10	1.94
-do- Acc	43.90	46.60	+0.20	1.94
High Inc	23.80	25.20	...	5.09
-do- Acc	87.80	93.20	...	5.09
Intl Growth	67.60	71.50†	+0.30	1.10
-do- Acc	116.50	123.30	+0.60	1.10
Intl Inc	91.50	97.00	+0.10	5.02
Japan Gen Acc	42.70	45.20	+0.20	...
Japan Smllr Cos	119.70	126.50	+0.20	...
Midland	50.40	53.30	+0.10	4.37
-do- Acc	159.30	168.60	+0.30	4.37
Recovery	34.40	36.80	...	3.39
-do- Acc	54.10	57.90	+0.10	3.39
Second Gen	58.90	62.30	...	3.89
-do- Acc	144.00	152.40	...	3.89
Smaller Cos	56.40	59.80†	...	3.75
-do- Acc	106.90	113.50	+0.20	3.75
Trustee	37.20	39.30	-0.10	4.30
Charifund 3	†112.96	...	...	9.55
Charifund 2	614.90	621.10	-0.20	5.10
Pension ex 1	854.20	875.60	-4.10	4.48
NAACIF Inc 3	346.00	...	...	7.72
-do- Acc 3	†1082.2	...	-2.30	7.72
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG. 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	134.40	143.70‡	...	2.38
-do- Acc	149.30	159.60‡	...	2.38
UK Income	110.50	118.10‡	-0.17	2.97
-do- Acc	123.20	131.70‡	-0.17	2.97
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	78.79	82.12†	-0.39	0.61
Far East (Pacific)	125.30	133.00	-0.50	0.76
Income Growth	71.25	75.63‡	+0.99	3.55
European	66.73	70.83‡	+0.26	1.95
Nth American	59.57	63.23	+0.12	1.15
UK Growth	76.77	81.49	-0.07	1.45
Intl Growth	89.16	94.64	-0.21	0.72
Charities	107.00	113.50†	...	4.34
Intl Income	65.52	69.53†	-0.05	4.34
Japan	42.63	45.29†	-0.19	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	196.80	209.00	+0.70	...
-do- Acc	210.30	223.30	+0.60	...
Cash	100.70	100.70	...	5.93
-do- Acc	128.20	128.20	...	5.93
European Gth	194.80	206.90	-0.30	0.34
-do- Acc	208.50	221.50	-0.30	0.34
General	456.30	486.80†	-1.20	2.67
-do- Acc	868.40	926.30†	-2.30	2.67
Global Dist	136.80	143.80	-0.10	5.42
-do- Acc	149.50	157.60	-0.10	5.42
Income	136.20	145.30	-0.20	5.01
-do- Acc	199.40	212.70†	-0.30	5.01
International	379.40	403.70	+1.20	0.92
-do- Acc	503.30	535.30	+1.60	0.92

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Japan	152.90	162.30	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	157.00	166.60	-0.40	...
New Europe	133.90	142.80†	-0.30	1.40
-do- Acc	136.10	145.20†	-0.30	1.40
Recovery	287.50	306.70	+0.10	2.39
-do- Acc	359.10	383.10	...	2.39
European Inc	74.62	79.06	+0.14	2.97
-do- Acc	94.66	100.30	+0.20	2.97
Brit Blue Chip	72.30	76.98	-0.31	3.58
-do- Acc	84.66	90.14	-0.35	3.58
Portfolio	74.53	79.00	-0.08	3.03
-do- Acc	83.28	88.55	-0.05	3.03
Gold General	66.76	71.22	-0.15	3.41
-do- Acc	67.68	72.20	-0.14	3.41
Pacific	86.52	92.29	-0.18	0.54
-do- Acc	91.45	97.56	-0.19	0.54
UK Smaller Cos	49.50	52.90†	+0.09	1.08
-do- Acc	55.35	59.05†	+0.11	1.08
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD. Dealing: 0742 529 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	57.66	61.67	+0.06	3.34
-do- Acc	57.66	61.67	+0.06	3.34
British Dist	76.62	81.95†	+0.02	2.28
-do- Acc	86.69	92.72	+0.04	2.28
European Gth	168.80	180.10	...	0.21
-do- Acc	211.90	226.10	...	0.21
Extra High Inc	68.54	73.31	+0.05	6.46
-do- Acc	119.10	127.40	+0.10	6.46
FT-SE 100 Index	48.80	52.19	+0.09	3.17
-do- Acc	48.80	52.19	+0.09	3.17
Gilt Fixed Int	56.54	58.86†	+0.02	7.11
-do- Acc	148.70	154.80	...	7.11
High Yield	215.40	230.40	+0.20	5.10
-do- Acc	494.40	528.80	+0.60	5.10
Income	273.80	292.80†	...	5.89
-do- Acc	569.10	608.70	-0.10	5.89
Japan Gth	294.60	304.40†	+1.40	...
-do- Acc	300.40	321.30	+1.40	...
Mandarin Acc	95.10	101.70	-0.20	1.23
North American	172.40	184.40	+1.50	0.80
-do- Acc	216.70	231.80	+1.80	0.80
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT. Dealing: 071 826 0826. Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	269.30	286.70	+2.90	0.43
Deposit Inc	99.95	99.95†	+0.01	5.26
Deposit Acc	121.50	121.50†	+0.02	5.26
Euro Gth Acc	258.80	276.10†	+0.40	...
Europa	118.90	127.60†	+0.40	...
Intl Gth	164.60	175.60	+0.80	...
Japan Tracker	63.65	67.43	+0.10	...
UK Equity Inc	144.60	155.80	+0.10	5.04
-do- Acc	174.10	187.60	+0.10	5.04
UK Ind Tracker	142.10	152.20†	-0.30	3.47
US Eq Ind Trkr	202.80	215.00†	+0.80	1.21
-do- Acc	214.50	227.40†	+0.80	1.21
Asian Trader	146.50	159.00	-1.30	0.99
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	180.20	184.10†	+0.20	2.90
European	60.45	61.76	-0.26	1.22
Olympiad	53.57	55.02†	-0.05	0.57
Global Bond	48.57	49.10†	+0.02	6.90
Smaller Cos	60.53	63.07	+0.26	1.77
Equity Income	91.74	94.33†	-0.31	4.99
UK Growth	82.55	84.81	+0.02	1.83
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222. Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	50.24	53.58	+0.25	0.60
Australian Acc	299.80	321.60	+2.90	...
Conscience	63.18	67.42	-0.11	1.47
-do- Acc	67.84	72.40	-0.11	1.47
European	170.60	181.90	-0.60	1.21
-do- Acc	182.00	194.10	-0.60	1.21
Extra Income	71.72	76.54	+0.10	6.18
-do- Acc	108.10	115.30	+0.10	6.18
Far East Gth	149.40	159.70	-2.00	0.12
Gilt Fxd Inc	58.25	61.66	-0.05	7.48
Gold	29.72	31.95	+0.09	...
-do- Acc	32.00	34.40	+0.09	...
Income	51.70	55.14	+0.13	5.44
-do- Acc	155.00	165.30	+0.30	5.44
International	29.21	31.34	+0.04	0.93
-do- Acc	41.96	45.02	+0.05	0.93
Jap Sm Cos Acc	254.20	271.10	+1.70	...
S pore Mly Acc	156.00	167.20	-3.30	...
Smllr Cos Acc	23.91	25.70	+0.04	1.96
Special Sits	32.12	34.53	+0.09	1.97
-do- Acc	36.65	39.40	+0.09	1.97
Tokyo	69.66	74.30	+0.74	...
-do- Acc	70.36	75.05	+0.74	...
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF. 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	67.86	72.20	+0.20	2.91
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	73.28	77.58†	+0.13	7.05
N&P Higher Inc	184.60	195.90	+0.70	4.94
N&P UK Income	99.27	108.18	+0.16	4.09
N&P Intl	85.03	91.44	+0.05	1.97
N&P Smaller Cos	71.62	76.60	+0.14	1.77
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA. 071 407 4404				
General	161.62	171.94	+0.79	2.54
Global	276.82	294.49	+1.08	1.29
Growth	104.69	111.38	+0.36	2.50
Income	199.56	212.32	+0.75	4.60
Intl Bond	130.50	138.63	+0.13	8.30
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR. 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577.				
Growth	138.40	145.60	-0.20	2.76
-do- Acc	239.60	252.20	-0.40	2.76
Income	216.70	230.50	-0.50	3.79
Intl Equity	214.90	228.60	+0.10	1.11
-do- Acc	235.30	250.30	+0.10	1.11
Equity	216.00	229.80	-0.70	2.61
-do- Acc	437.90	465.80	-1.40	2.63
UK Intl 25 Acc	68.07	72.41	-0.15	2.10
UK Income	58.95	62.70	-0.14	3.36
UK Smllr Co Acc	68.51	72.88	+0.19	1.74
New Europe Acc	61.88	65.82	-0.11	1.35
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames. 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	86.14	92.13	-0.52	0.31
PEP Gth Inc	97.19	103.65	+0.29	1.58
Intl Gth	456.92	488.69	+0.36	0.86
Income	288.72	308.80	+0.85	4.13
W wide Recov	284.09	303.85	+1.64	1.01
American Gth	206.11	220.44	+0.62	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	173.93	186.03	+0.17	0.15
Far East Gth	187.55	200.59	+1.88	0.21
European Gth	111.92	119.71	-0.36	1.16
UK Growth	73.21	78.31	+0.14	3.13
High Income	79.14	84.65	+0.27	5.13
Japanese Gth	171.97	183.24	+1.57	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	170.10	181.00	-0.10	0.91
High Income	107.40	114.20	-0.10	3.75
Conv Gilt	110.10	117.10†	...	6.72
Far East	285.30	304.00	-0.80	0.34
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Seaxian Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	51.61	54.80	+0.21	0.53
Emerging Mkts	82.28	86.26	-0.14	0.22

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	47.98	51.04	+0.11	3.36
International	83.49	88.82	-0.16	1.28
Gilt Units	25.84	26.64†	+0.01	7.99
Global Pfly	35.43	37.69	+0.05	2.07
Income Gth	62.77	66.78†	-0.04	5.27
European	43.09	45.84†	-0.11	1.16
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.71	27.35†	...	6.09
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL. 081 478 3377. Freefone: 0426 925097				
Pru Mngd Tst*	29.85	32.03†	-0.01	1.59
Pru Gth Invn Inc	101.16	101.16†	+0.02	5.44
-do- Acc	104.22	104.22†	+0.01	5.44
Pru Equity	664.31	710.49	+2.42	2.38
Pru Equity Inc	79.71	85.25†	+0.37	4.45
Pru European	174.43	186.55	-0.41	1.81
Pru Global Gth	78.11	83.54†	+0.26	1.34
Pru High Inc	85.63	91.58†	+0.38	5.61
Pru Intl	155.42	166.22	+0.08	1.30
Pru Intl Sm Co	65.87	70.44	+0.22	0.01
Pru Japanese	157.90	168.87†	+0.80	...
Pru Nth Amer	149.00	159.35	+1.22	0.44
Pru Pacific Mkt	72.05	77.05†	-0.61	1.82
Pru Premr Inc	50.04	52.11	+0.01	7.35
Pru Smllr Cos	80.47	86.06	+0.09	2.01
Pru Spec Sits	98.44	105.28	+0.23	2.20
Pru UK Growth	109.76	117.39†	+0.25	2.31
*Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR. Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
NC Income	153.61	165.19	-0.56	3.66
NC Japan	225.73	241.95	+1.12	...
NC Mid UK Cos	93.77	100.84	-0.23	2.90
NC America Inc	492.52	526.18	+1.51	0.35
-do- Acc	569.74	611.16	+1.76	0.35
NC Smlr UK Cos	251.01	273.81†	+0.65	1.85
NC European	252.16	268.77	-0.06	1.51
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB. 0708 766966 or 0800 829929 (IEAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	74.59	79.35	-0.07	3.83
Capital Units	141.90	150.90	-0.30	1.48
Commodity	97.26	103.40†	-0.30	1.20
European Gth	151.20	160.80	-0.30	1.44
Financial Sec	168.40	179.10	+0.60	1.98
High Return	208.80	222.10	-0.10	4.89
High Yield	205.20	218.80	+0.10	4.37
Income Units	108.10	114.90†	+0.10	5.10
Investment	168.80	179.50	+0.30	1.54
Japan Gth	119.60	127.20	+0.70	...
Japan Smaller	156.30	166.10	-0.10	...
Mastercfund	44.87	47.73	-0.11	1.00
Scotbits	245.20	260.80	+1.00	2.12
Scotshares	248.50	264.30	+1.20	2.73
Scotyields	220.30	234.20†	-0.30	3.97
Select Intl	127.50	135.60	-0.30	0.68
Smaller Cos	213.10	226.60	+1.20	5.53
Special Situation	107.80	114.40	...	0.79
UK Equity	221.30	235.40†	-0.30	3.04
US Growth	145.80	155.10†	+0.50	0.29
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client Ser: 0800 526 535. Broker Ser: 0800 526 540				
American	249.82	266.47	+2.49	0.68
-do- Acc	269.89	287.88	+2.70	0.68
Australian	135.24	144.25†	+1.86	1.38
-do- Acc	158.99	169.99	+2.20	1.38
UK Enterprise	204.83	218.48†	-0.65	2.36
-do- Acc	236.62	252.39	-0.75	2.36
European Gth	61.44	65.53†	+0.04	1.33
-do- Acc	63.60	67.84	+0.04	1.33
Euro Smllr Cos	56.54	60.30†	+0.20	0.68
-do- Acc	56.92	60.71	+0.20	0.68
Far Eastern Gth	65.36	69.71†	+0.25	...
-do- Acc	66.50	70.93	+0.26	...
Fixed Interest	52.53	55.38†	+0.03	8.50
-do- Acc	64.55	68.04	+0.04	8.50
Gilt Income	103.04	108.58†	-0.16	8.35
-do- Acc	144.00	151.75†	-0.21	8.35
Income	297.50	317.33†	+0.43	4.52
-do- Acc	877.68	936.21	+1.30	4.52
Japan Enterprise	54.37	57.99	+0.50	...
-do- Acc	54.37	57.99	+0.50	...
Japan Smllr Cos	343.34	366.22†	+4.02	...
-do- Acc	344.02	366.95	+4.02	...
Pacific Gth	82.93	88.45†	-0.64	0.54
-do- Acc	85.51	91.21	-0.66	0.54
Smaller Cos	181.54	193.64†	-0.11	1.30
-do- Acc	208.05	221.92	-0.12	1.30
Tokyo	87.21	93.02†	+0.79	0.01
-do- Acc	88.09	93.96	+0.80	0.01
UK Equity	203.64	217.21†	-0.07	3.06
-do- Acc	377.11	402.25	-0.14	3.06
US Smllr Cos	133.81	142.73	+1.61	...
-do- Acc	133.81	142.73	+1.61	...
World Fd	68.72	73.30†	-0.06	1.71
-do- Acc	72.52	77.35	+0.06	1.71
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ. 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	42.77	45.56	+0.17	4.38
Equity Strategy	62.61	66.68	+0.13	1.80
European Opps	72.02	76.70	+0.80	3.22
Maximum Inc	97.98	100.56	+0.02	5.68
UK Smaller Cos	47.99	51.11	+0.02	3.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	344.80	368.50	+0.90	2.69
American	260.40	276.40	+1.30	0.89
Pacific	299.50	320.70	+0.40	0.79
European	455.80	487.50	-1.80	1.20
Worldwide	77.72	83.12	...	1.23
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	305.10	324.60	-0.10	2.81
UK Sm Cos Eqty	192.70	205.00	-0.10	2.65
European	328.00	349.00	-1.00	1.78
North American	261.30	278.00	+0.30	0.99
Income Plus Inc	64.05	68.14†	-0.20	3.90
UK Spec Sits	65.93	70.14†	-0.15	2.50
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	25.24	27.01	-0.10	3.04
Intl Growth Acc	27.86	29.82	-0.03	1.11
Global Inc Acc	31.08	33.21	+0.01	3.93
Market Ldrs Acc	25.97	27.80†	-0.15	3.04
SG TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250				
American Gth	86.30	92.20†	-0.12	...
Euro Spec Sits	43.75	46.50	+0.05	...
-do-Acc	46.32	49.23	+0.04	...
Far East Opps	30.35	32.75	-0.18	...
-do-Acc	31.19	33.68	-0.19	...
General Growth	99.23	106.30	+0.30	2.34
Global Tech	120.30	130.00	+0.30	...
Income Growth	99.78	107.20	+0.40	3.85
Income Monthly	56.85	60.80	+0.17	5.18
Japan Growth	69.00	73.39	+0.86	...
Overseas Gth	75.06	79.94	+0.05	...
Smaller Cos	69.75	75.00	+0.21	1.88
Special Opps	97.85	105.20†	-0.30	1.90
Wld Spec Sits	45.14	48.59†	+0.25	...
-do-Acc	45.34	48.71†	+0.25	...
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 0800 393777				
Managed	43.88	46.65	+0.10	1.76
Equity Gth Acc	39.09	42.79	+0.40	1.21

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Eq General	42.60	45.27	+0.10	2.28
-do- Acc	55.90	59.40	+0.20	2.25
European Acc	41.67	44.28	+0.20	1.25
Far East Acc	50.01	53.14	+0.30	0.56
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	31.09	32.87	...	8.44
N American Acc	46.44	49.35	+0.30	0.71
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	260.80	289.50	+1.30	1.67
UK Eq High Inc	35.08	37.28	+0.10	3.80
-do- Acc	41.09	43.66	+0.10	3.80
UK Lgr Cos Inc	295.40	318.40	+0.80	3.75
UK Lgr Cos Acc	377.40	409.50	+1.00	3.75
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N283.41	N283.62	..	1.11
US Eq	$2.066	$2.194	...	0.71
Far East Eq	Y202.4	Y215.0	...	...
Japan Eq	Y199.1	Y211.5	...	...
FT Europe	114.50	121.60	...	1.07
FT North Am	$1.746	$1.848	...	0.89
FT Japan	Y202.5	Y215.0	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	120.80	128.20	..	1.41
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031 226 3271				
American	364.70	387.50	+1.10	0.29
British	923.10	976.60†	+3.70	4.42
European	383.00	407.60	-3.30	1.57
Japan	124.70	132.70	-0.60	...
New Pacific	290.00	308.60	-0.60	1.35
Mngd Cash	96.13	96.13	...	5.39
Majority Stg	100.32	101.29	-0.01	5.27
Inv Tst	181.00	191.90†	-0.40	1.99
Saints PPP	366.00	385.30	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	728.60	779.20	+1.90	2.28
N America Acc	117.20	125.30	+0.70	0.14
Far East Acc	112.30	119.90	-0.10	...
W wide Bond	63.94	67.88	-0.09	5.17
European	82.68	88.43	-0.15	0.34
Equity Income	81.16	86.80	-0.06	3.76
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ. Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	35.82	38.32	-0.21	0.81
Managed Assets	117.52	125.30	-0.12	3.80
UK Income	36.29	38.82	-0.21	3.27
UK Growth	36.08	38.56	-0.10	2.82
Worldwide Gth	30.00	32.09	+0.05	0.55
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE. 0264 346794				
American	211.02	224.49	+1.40	0.17
-do- Acc	231.77	246.56	+1.60	0.17
British Gth	85.38	90.83	-0.32	2.04
-do- Acc	99.64	106.00	+0.38	2.04
European	92.84	98.77†	-0.20	1.14
-do- Acc	97.93	104.18†	-0.22	1.14
Extra Inc	179.43	190.88†	+0.11	4.33
-do- Acc	286.19	304.46†	+0.17	4.33
General Unit	260.63	277.26	+0.48	2.61
-do- Acc	514.27	547.09	+0.95	2.61
Income	315.34	335.46	-0.12	3.82
-do- Acc	642.29	683.29	-0.24	3.87
International	484.91	515.86	-0.43	0.66
-do- Acc	633.86	674.31	-0.56	0.66
Pacific	314.84	334.73	-2.07	0.09
-do- Acc	329.52	350.56	-2.17	0.09
Premier Income	51.24	53.38	+0.02	7.11
-do- Acc	105.24	109.82	+0.02	7.11
Nat Resources	92.23	98.12	+0.20	0.92
-do- Acc	101.14	107.59	+0.26	0.92
Selected Opps	92.83	98.75†	+1.31	1.23
-do- Acc	116.21	123.63†	+1.64	1.23
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Charlton Place, Andover, Hampshire SP10 1RE. 0264 346747				
American Eagle	132.40	141.40	+1.50	0.22
Australia	7.399	7.000†	+0.100	1.01
Equity	183.10	195.90	-0.20	4.36
Euro Spec Sits	143.70	152.60	+0.40	0.57
Financial	39.24	42.50†	+0.25	2.85
Global Opps Inc	89.06	95.14	+0.25	2.12
-do- Acc	92.31	98.62	+0.27	2.12
Gold Gen Inc	42.47	45.60	+0.10	0.96
-do- Acc	81.04	87.00	+0.14	0.96
Income	118.50	126.90†	+0.20	4.86
Japan General	131.10	139.50	+1.60	...
Preference	22.36	24.00	...	7.56
UK Capital	103.10	110.20†	+0.40	3.06
Worldwide Cap	198.20	211.60	+0.60	3.04
World Income	84.60	90.15	+0.13	3.37
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF. 071 493 7262. Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Sml Cos	70.62	75.32†	-1.40	...
-do- Acc	72.84	77.69†	-1.43	...
Cash	51.42	51.42	...	6.23
-do- Acc	61.20	61.20	+0.01	6.23
European Opps	62.91	67.05	...	0.44
-do- Acc	63.57	67.74	...	0.44
Far East Opps	138.62	147.86	+0.28	0.66
-do- Acc	141.85	151.30	+0.28	0.66
Gold/Nat. Res	38.28	40.83	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	39.37	41.99	+0.10	...
Japan	67.00	71.40	+0.77	...
-do- Acc	67.00	71.40	+0.77	...
Little Dragons	65.84	70.22	-0.59	0.71
-do- Acc	67.53	72.03	-0.61	0.71
Oriental Income	40.99	43.72	-0.08	3.64
-do- Acc	51.73	55.17	-0.12	3.64
Tiger	209.57	223.54	-1.26	1.18
-do- Acc	219.21	233.82	-1.31	1.18
UK Small Cos	65.86	70.43†	-0.05	2.31
-do- Acc	76.69	82.02†	-0.06	2.31
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUSTS Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, London E7. 081 534 5544				
United Charities	216.40	230.80	...	4.48
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ. 031 225 1551				
Australian Gold	11.80	12.55	+0.05	0.50
Pacific Basin	30.52	32.46	-0.01	0.60
Canadian Gth	37.74	40.14	-0.18	0.10
Global Bond	$0.985	$0.995	+0.000	7.20
Penny Share	21.04	22.38	+0.25	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT. 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.30	52.30	...	5.83
Gilt Growth	66.63	69.34	+0.28	...
Gilt Income	53.40	55.56	+0.16	8.00
Short Dtd Gilt	110.50	112.00	+0.20	3.50
US Govmnt Bd	$0.710	$0.720	...	...
Challenger	95.34	97.45	+0.17	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG. 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	67.09	71.37	-0.16	2.13

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return): † Ex dividend: ‡ Middle price: ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

Abbey Natl	2,300	Coats Viyella	188	Legal & Gn	504	Scot & New	1,300
Alld-Lyons	1,400	Cm Union	833	Lloyds Bk	2,900	Scot Power	1,700
Anglian W	1,000	Courtaulds	184	MB Cardn	310	Sears	2,700
Argyll Gp	2,800	De La Rue	550	Marks Spr	7,800	Svrn Trent	1,500
Arjo Wiggn	1,800	Eng China C	941	NFC	447	Shell Trans	7,100
AB Foods	197	Enterpr Oil	1,500	NatWst Bk	3,500	Siebe	1,800
BAA	2,300	Fisons	4,100	Nat Power	4,100	SmKl Bch	3,900
BAT Inds	3,700	Forte	1,800	Nth Wst W	1,200	Smith Nph	7,300
BOC	554	GRE	2,600	Nthrn Fds	1,000	Smith (WH)	676
BP	6,900	GUS A	279	P & O	528	Sthrn Elec	149
BT	7,900	Gen Acc	494	Pearson	771	Std Chartd	3,000
BTR	10,000	Gen Elec	5,500	PowerGen	2,900	Sun Allnce	2,100
Bk of Scot	1,200	Glaxo	24,000	Prudential	2,100	TI Gp	6,900
Barclays	4,000	Granada	2,600	RTZ	3,900	TSB	6,700
Bass	1,300	Grand Met	3,900	Rank Org	1,700	Tate & Lyle	760
Blue Circle	2,000	Guinness	2,100	Reckitt Col	3,500	Tesco	4,700
Boots	2,200	HSBC	2,600	Redland	1,500	Thames W	513
Bowater	1,600	Hanson	13,000	Reed Intl	1,900	Thrn EMI	794
Brit Airways	3,700	ICI	2,000	Rentokil	237	Tomkins	1,600
Brit Gas	7,700	Inchcape	1,900	Reuters	826	Unilever	1,600
Brit Steel	8,100	Kingfisher	1,100	Rothmans	260	Utd Bisc	3,300
Burmah Cast	299	Kwik Save	125	Ryl Ins	869	Vodafone	4,100
Cable Wire	1,200	LASMO	4,600	Ryl Bk Scot	1,700	Wellcome	3,500
Cadbury	2,600	Ladbroke	5,000	Sainsbury	2,900	Whitbd 'A'	807
Carlton Cm	1,900	Land Secs	4,000	Scot Hydro	792	Wlms Hld	4,300

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3465.64 (-12.70)
S&P Composite 455.27 (-1.07)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 17904.79 (+46.16)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 6371.84 (-116.62)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 105.8 (+0.4)

Sydney: AO 1661.1 (+13.7)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1717.40 (+7.72)

FT 30 share: 2294.5 (-5.0)

Brussels:
General 6209.45 (+30.35)

Paris: CAC 530.99 (-2.23)

Zurich: SKA Gen 492.4 (+4.7)

London:
FT A All-Share 1437.25 (-0.87)
FT 500 1577.14 (+0.01)
FT Gold Mines 95.8 (+1.4)
FT Fixed Interest 113.73 (-0.03)
FT Govt Secs 97.59 (-0.27)
Bargains 43730
SEAQ Volume 822.3m
USM (Datastrm) 132.40 (-0.16)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
March 8	March 19	June 17	June 28

Call options were taken out on 11/3/93: Alexon, Alvis, Amstrad, ASDA, Avesco, BM Group, Compass Group, Gresham Tel, Medeva, Nurdin & Peacock, Peek, A Proudfoot, Queens Moat.
Puts & Calls: Aran, Lloyds Chemist, Queens Moat.

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Alld Lyon	550	38	50	60	6	24	32
(*576)	600	10	24	35	32	55	60
ASDA	67	6½	11½	13½	2½	5½	7
(*70½)	76	3	8	9½	8½	11	12
Bass	550	36	52	64	6½	22	27
(*574½)	600	10	27	38	30	46	53
Boots	500	28	40	50	9	24	27
(*513½)	550	5	18	28	39	52	56
Br Airways	280	23	30	36	6	18	23
(*297)	300	11	21	26	15	28	33
BP	260	30	37	41	2½	8½	11½
(*285½)	280	15	25	29	7	15	20
	300	5½	15	21	18	26	31
Br Steel	80	11	15	19	2	6	8
(*89)	90	5	11	14	5½	11	14
C & W	700	38	60	72	12	31	40
(*722½)	750	14	34	48	30	60	68
CU	580	42	62	67	5	15	24
(*610½)	629	12	33	39	26	38	45
Courtauld	600	26	42	53	16	37	45
(*602½)	650	7	21	32	48	68	75
GKN	460	24	37	42	13	25	33
(*480)	500	5½	19	25	30	48	57
Grnd Met	460	25	40	48	8	19	27
(*478½)	500	6½	23	30	32	43	48
ICI	1200	52	84	110	35	65	85
(*1202½)	1250	21	61	88	67	92	112
	1300	10	42	68	105	127	175
Kingfishr	535	27	43	53	12	29	36
(*546)	584	7½	21	30	40	60	67
Ladbroke	200	12	21	28	12	17	26
(*200½)	220	4½	10	19	26	32	37
Land Sec	460	45	50	64	2	11	15
(*498)	500	14	23	29	11	32	34
M & S	330	32	38	45	3½	10	14
(*359)	360	11	19	27	14	25	28
Sainsbury	500	42	55	63	5	18	22
(*531½)	550	11	27	36	26	42	47
Shell	550	35	51	58	4	12	19
(*578)	600	7½	23½	31	29	36	44
Smkl Bch	460	38	54	63	5	17	24
(*491)	500	12	31	42	20	35	43
Storehse	180	13	22	27	6	14	17
(*190½)	200	4½	13	19	18	26	29
Trafalgar	74	8½	12	15	3	6	8½
(*79½)	83	3½	7½	11	7½	10½	13
Unilever	1200	55	60	105	15	35	46
(*1247½)	1250	21	53	77	39	63	73
Utd Bisc	360	22	29	37	10	18	24
(*384)	390	7	16	24	30	36	41

March 11, 1993 Tot: 48414 Calls: 36112 Puts: 12302 FT-SE Calls: 3678 Puts: 4592
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls May	Aug	Nov	Puts May	Aug	Nov
BAA	750	65	75	90	10	22	30
(*800)	800	32	46	61	28	43	52
BAT Ind	950	36	55	66	40	51	69
(*960½)	1000	16	36	48	75	83	100
BTR	550	64	69	73	4½	10	14
(*611)	600	23	35	45	18	27	32
Br Aero	260	41	53	65	16	25	35
(*280)	280	30	42	54	25	34	44
Br Telcm	420	30	39	43	7½	18	23
(*435½)	460	9½	18	24	28	39	43
Cadbury	500	16	29	39	15	31	37
(*502)	550	4½	13	21	65	-	70
Guinness	460	27	38	48	20	27	35
(*470½)	500	9	20	31	47	50	57
GEC	300	12½	17½	22	13	20	24
(*301)	330	3	7	11	32	41	44
Hanson	240	18	22	26	5½	9½	14
(*249½)	260	7½	12	16	15½	20½	24½
LASMO	180	14	21	25	17	21	29
(*181)	200	6½	14	18	31	35	43
Lucas	140	10	15	20	12	15½	23
(*143½)	160	4½	8½	11	26	30	36
P & O	550	42	53	60	23	35	49
(*575)	600	17	28	38	55	65	82
Pilkngtn	100	11½	15	19	8½	12	16
(*101)	110	7½	10½	15	15	19	22
Prudential	330	16	24	30	17	22	28
(*336)	360	5½	13	18	37	41	46
RTZ	650	33	54	67	26	37	48
(*674½)	700	13	30	45	57	67	75
Scot New	460	22	32	38	18	30	36
(*463)	500	6½	15	22	45	56	61
Tesco	240	19	24	32	8	14	18
(*252½)	260	9	16	22	22	24	28
Thames W	500	54	59	63	4½	15	18
(*543)	550	19	26	34	22	37	42
Vodafone	390	42	52	62	10	18	24
(*414½)	420	22	34	46	20	32	39

FT-SE INDEX (*2952)

	2800	2850	2900	2950	3000	3050
Calls						
Mar	159	115	64	29	10	2½
Apr	173	130	93	63	40	21
May	197	158	115	90	60	40
Jun	209	171	129	110	83	62
Dec	292	-	230	-	175	-
Puts						
Mar	2	3	9	24	58	96
Apr	13	20	34	53	82	110
May	25	36	52	-	94	125
Jun	33	47	68	88	113	136
Dec	85	-	125	-	175	-

Series		Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Abby Nat	360	26	32	41	3½	12	19
(*386)	390	4	16	25	20	28	34
Amstrad	35	2	5½	6	2½	5	6
(*35½)	40	1	3	4½	6	8	9
Barclays	390	24	36	45	5	17	25
(*411)	420	4½	21	30	22	32	43
Blue Circ	220	8	16	23	7	22	25
(*215½)	240	3	9½	16	21	38	42
Br Gas	280	32	35	37	1	5	8
(*310)	300	14½	20	24	2½	12	15
	330	2	6½	12	20	30	33
Dixons	220	18	29	34	4	11	19
(*234½)	240	6½	19	25	12	21	30
Eurotnnl	460	35	58	75	10	29	42
(*485)	500	11	37	55	30	50	63
Forte	200	10	15	20	4	15	21
(*206)	220	2½	8½	13	17	29	34
Glaxo	650	28	60	83	12	36	48
(*666)	700	7	34	59	42	64	75
	750	1½	20	41	90	99	110
HSBC	600	48	62	78	5	27	35
(*639)	650	16	36	53	22	49	62
Hillsdwn	160	5½	12	14	5	17	20
(*158)	180	2	5	8	21	30	32
Lonrho	80	4	10	13½	2½	8	11½
(*83)	90	1	6½	9½	11	13½	18
Reuter	1400	30	82	120	30	70	90
(*1416)	1450	11	62	97	65	95	118
R-Royce	130	8	13½	18	3½	10	14
(*132½)	140	3	8	12	8½	16½	20
Sears	100	4	8	11	3	7½	11
(*98)	110	1	5	7½	11	15	17
Thrn Emi	850	30	58	66	7	25	46
(*862½)	900	5	30	39	36	52	75
TSB	160	17	24	27	2	7	9
(*174)	180	3	13	18	8	16	21
Vaal Reefs	35	4	6	7	1½	2½	4
(*39)	40	1½	3½	5½	4	5	7
Wellcome	900	36	72	102	14	40	57
(*936½)	950	11	47	75	37	67	82
Series		**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**
Fisons	200	20	28	36	8½	21	26
(*208½)	220	9	19	28	20	33	38
Series		**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
Eastrn Ele	480	38	47	52	9	22	27
(*481½)	500	16	25	33	28	44	49
Series		**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**
Natl Pwr	330	14	26	32	4	12	21
(*340½)	360	2½	12½	19	22	29	37
Scot Pwr	240	15	24	26	2	7	14
(*251½)	260	2½	12	16	11	16	25

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 52992	Mar 93	2958.0	2967.0	2942.0	2951.0	9405
	Jun 93	2977.0	2982.5	2960.0	2967.5	965
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 291110	Mar 93	94.05	94.18	94.05	94.10	13851
	Jun 93	94.51	94.58	94.49	94.51	18946
	Sep 93	94.74	94.78	94.71	94.72	5831
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 23658	Mar 93	96.75	96.76	96.75	96.75	442
	Jun 93	96.58	96.61	96.58	96.61	1001
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 519818	Mar 93	92.07	92.12	92.07	92.09	9413
	Jun 93	93.14	93.17	93.12	93.14	29916
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 318	Mar 93				112-16	0
	Jun 93				111-12	0
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 78548	Mar 93	106-11	106-11	105-24	105-21	898
	Jun 93	107-14	107-18	106-14	106-16	44321
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 93	110.58	110.66	110.51	110.64	823
	Sep 93					0
German Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 131419	Jun 93	96.87	96.87	96.48	96.55	100583
	Sep 93	96.94	96.94	96.79	96.72	64
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 17868	Mar 93	90.96	91.04	90.95	90.97	766
	Jun 93	91.92	92.01	91.92	91.94	1605
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 50239	Mar 93	94.87	94.97	94.87	94.87	2058
	Jun 93	95.73	95.75	95.64	95.66	6079
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 47498	Jun 93	97.05	97.15	96.65	96.72	9606
	Sep 93				96.55	0

GNI REPORT: Wheat and barley suffered a bout of selling in the morning session following a rumour that the EC had suspended grain credits to the CIS. However, the story could not be confirmed and prices staged a modest recovery. Russia has already been barred from the US credit programme and *many expect the EC to follow suit which is bad news for grain* traders as the CIS is a large importer of raw foodstuffs.

LONDON FOX COCOA

Mar	669-667	May	754 BID
May	677-676	Jul	770-768
Jul	689-688	Sep	785-783
Sep	702-700	Dec	803-803
Dec	721-720		
Mar	742-741	Volume: 11062	

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	971-965	Nov	912-906
May	919-916	Jan	916 SLR
Jul	894-893	Mar	928 SLR
Sep	900-898	Volume: 2357	

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	204-198
Spot: 213.80		Mar	ung
May	228.0-26.0	May	208.0-03.0
Aug	232.0-30.0	Aug	ung
Oct	215.0-13.0	Volume: 10	

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	259.7-57.0
Spot: 279.0		Mar	257.4-55.2
May	277.9-76.5	May	260.4-56.3
Aug	281.0-79.5	Aug	264.9-58.3
Oct	260.4-59.0	Volume: 1229	

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 11

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	92.07	115.23	138.39
(+/-)	-1.17	-6.79	-2.64
Eng/Wales:	92.07	114.86	137.87
(+/-)	-1.19	-7.66	-1.85
(%)	n/a	-47.7	-19.3
Scotland:	n/a	116.85	143.49
(+/-)	n/a	-3.68	+8.75
(%)	n/a	-64.5	-69.2

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Apr	115.5	115.5	Jun	113.0	113.0
May	115.5	115.5	Volume: 42		

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)
Mar 143.15
May 144.60
Jun 145.75
Sep 109.15
Nov 111.25
Volume: 244

BARLEY (close £/t)
Mar 141.00
May 139.75
Sep 106.90
Nov 109.95
Jan 112.70
Volume: 8

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)
Apr 151.50
Jun 143.30
Aug 144.30
Oct 147.30
Dec ung
Volume: 20

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Apr	38.5	39.3
May	40.5	42.3
Apr	92.0	92.5
Volume: 134		

RUBBER
No 1 RSS CIF (p/kt)
Apr 64.25-63.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): An extended round of profit taking took all parts of the market lower.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.65	-0.50
Brent 15 day (Mar)	18.80	-0.45
Brent 15 day (Apr)	18.60	-0.45
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	20.10	-0.50
W Texas Intermediate (May)	20.20	-0.45

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	196 (-1)	198 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	174 (-4)	175 (-4)
Non EEC 1H Mar	174 (-4)	175 (-4)
Non EEC 1H Apr	174 (-3)	175 (-3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	75 (n/c)	77 (n/c)
Naphtha	170 (-4)	171 (-5)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Mar	176.00 EXP	Jun	171.25-71.50
Apr	172.25-72.50	Jul	172.00-72.50
May	171.25-71.50	Aug	173.75-74.25
			Vol: 25072

BRENT (6.00pm)

Apr	18.61-18.62	Jul	18.60-18.66
May	18.61-18.62	Aug	18.60 BID
Jun	18.61-18.63		Vol: 37296

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Mar	194.00 EXP	Jun	200.50-201.0
Apr	197.75-98.00	Jul	214.00 SLR
May	198.00-200.0		Vol: 509

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Mar 93	1445	1440	1439
Apr 93	1440	1433	1435
May 93	1400	1397	1396
Jul 93	1240	1232	1236

Vol: 216 lots. Open int'st: 2743 Index 1409 -8

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1498.0-1498.5	1524.0-1524.5	626100
Lead (£/tonne)	288.00-288.50	297.50-297.75	120875
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	999.50-1000.0	1017.5-1018.0	155175
Tin ($/tonne)	5647.0-5649.0	5705.0-5710.0	7430
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1148.0-1148.5	1169.0-1169.5	968800
Nickel ($/tonne)	5975.0-5980.0	6040.0-6045.0	30600

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 77.2 (day's range 77.2-77.3).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for March 11	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6812-2.6875	2.6812-2.6847	⅜-½ds	1-1¼ds
Brussels	49.03-49.30	49.10-49.20	7-12ds	24-29ds
Copenhagen	9.1520-9.1910	9.1580-9.1790	7½-9½ds	17½-20ds
Dublin	0.9787-0.9843	0.9822-0.9843	40-49ds	123-140ds
Frankfurt	2.3799-2.3931	2.3799-2.3831	⅜-½ds	1⅛-1⅜ds
Lisbon	220.27-221.48	220.27-220.72	164-167ds	453-493ds
Madrid	169.61-170.89	169.61-169.88	150-175ds	381-413ds
Milan	2300.30-2313.40	2304.60-2313.40	10-13ds	31-34ds
Montreal	1.7829-1.7900	1.7861-1.7882	0.19-0.03pr	0.29-0.12pr
New York	1.4300-1.4360	1.4350-1.4360	0.36-0.34pr	0.98-0.96pr
Oslo	10.1450-10.1850	10.1450-10.1670	1-3⅛ds	5⅛-7⅛ds
Paris	8.0640-8.1180	8.0640-8.0780	3⅜-3⅞ds	10-11ds
Stockholm	11.0610-11.1710	11.1060-11.1580	2⅝-4⅞ds	8¾-11¼ds
Tokyo	168.09-169.40	168.68-168.95	½-¼pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Vienna	16.75-16.86	16.78-16.83	2½-3¼ds	6¼-8ds
Zurich	2.1866-2.1974	2.1866-2.1897	¼pr-par	½-⅜pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4279-1.4304
Australia dollar	2.0199-2.0220
Bahrain dinar	0.535-0.547
Brazil cruzeiro *	31095.4-31117.5
Cyprus pound	0.709-0.719
Finland markka	8.587-8.703
Greece drachma	318.00-325.00
Hong Kong dollar	11.0596-11.0688
India rupee	44.79-45.75
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4365-0.4465
Malaysia ringgit	3.7266-3.7306
Mexico peso	4.42-4.52
New Zealand dollar	2.7135-2.7190
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.3245-5.4505
Singapore dollar	2.3559-2.3590
S Africa rand (fin)	6.5367-6.6211
S Africa rand (com)	4.5721-4.5804
U A E dirham	5.208-5.332

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4134-1.4144
Austria	11.7325-11.7375
Belgium (Com)	34.339-34.368
Canada	1.2461-1.2466
Denmark	6.3967-6.3988
France	5.6630-5.6645
Germany	1.6680-1.6685
Hong Kong	7.7340-7.7350
Ireland	1.4582-1.4592
Italy	1610.4-1611.2
Japan	117.72-117.77
Malaysia	2.6060-2.6070
Netherlands	1.8737-1.8747
Norway	7.0915-7.0945
Portugal	154.23-154.33
Singapore	1.6475-1.6485
Spain	118.85-119.05
Sweden	7.7549-7.7749
Switzerland	1.5328-1.5333

MONEY MARKET RATES

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: [illegible] Low 4 Week fixed: [illegible]
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth: [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open [illegible], close 4.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	3.11-3.08	n/a	3.11-3.08	3.23-3.20	3.43-3.40
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Feb 26, 1993 Agreed rates Mar 24, 1993 to April 25, 1993 Scheme I: 7.35 %. Schemes II & III: 7.47 %. Reference rate Jan 30, 1993 to Feb 26, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 6.228 %.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	11¼-11	11¼-11	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Bullion: Open $326.60-327.00 Close: $327.00-327.40 High: $327.00-327.40
Low: $326.00-326.50 Krugerrand: $326.00-328.00 (£226.75-228.50)
Sovereigns: Old $77.50-80.50 (£52.00-54.00) New $77.50-80.50 (£52.00-54.00)
Platinum: $350.50 (£244.75) Silver: $3.63 (£2.525) Palladium: $107.00 (£74.70)

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1	Driefontein	Mining	
2	Hambros	Banks,Disc	
3	Laporte	Chems,Plas	
4	Hammerson	Property	
5	Gencor	Mining	
6	Nat West	Banks,Disc	
7	Watson & Philip	Foods	
8	Racal Elect	Electrical	
9	E Rand Prop	Mining	
10	Utd Newspapers	Newspapr,Pub	
11	First Leisure	Leisure	
12	Medeva	Industrial	
13	Zambia Copper	Mining	
14	Yorklyde	Textiles	
15	Psion	Electrical	
16	Yorkshire TV	Leisure	
17	Osborne & Little	Paper,Print	
18	Storehouse	Drapery,Strs	
19	Brake Bros	Foods	
20	E Dagga	Mining	
21	TT Group	Industrial	
22	TI	Industrial	
23	Gr Portland	Property	
24	Aus New Z	Banks,Disc	
25	Bilston Battsea	Industrial	
26	Claremont Ga	Textiles	
27	Minorco	Mining	
28	Transatlantic	Insurance	
29	Welsh Water	Water	
30	Assoc Br Ports	Transport	
31	Baird (Wm)	Industrial	
32	Warnford	Property	
33	Sappi	Paper,Print	
34	City Site Ests	Property	
35	Gold Greenless	Paper,Print	
36	Bett Bros	Building,Rds	
37	Yorkshire Water	Water	
38	Southern Elec	Electricity	
39	Unilever	Industrial	
40	Fisons	Industrial	
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Drifting lower

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began March 1. Dealings end today. §Contango day March 15. Settlement day March 22. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
403	245½	Abbey Ntl	385½	-4½	...	4.1	14.6
226	154	Allied Irish	225	+1	...	5.1	-
197½	106	Aus New Z	173	+5	...	5.2	...
3775	1900½	Bankamerica	3775†	+87½	...	...	...
222	141	Bk of Ireland	222	+2	...	5.4	35.8
345	320	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	17.0	7.3	...
140	97	Bank Scotland	133	-1	4.3	4.4	20.9
464	274	Barclays	412	+1	13.1	5.0	-
6	¾	Benchmark	3	...	...	...	...
284	28	Brown Shipley	43	+1	...	...	...
21	10	Carlisle	17½	...	...	...	...
463	295	Cater Allen	463	...	26.0	7.5	...
100	61	Cattles	108	...	3.8	4.8	15.5
2425	912½	Chase Manh	2425†	+50½	...	...	...
2000	537½	Citicorp	2000†	+56½	...	...	...
345	205	Close Bros	345	...	...	3.7	15.2
£122	8687½	Commerzbk	£120½	...	...	3.3	...
£304½	£214	Deutsche Bk	£304½	+250	...	2.1	...
81	11½	First Nat Fin	57	+3	...	...	...
1167	493	Fuji Bank Y	1167	+26	...	0.4	66.3
430	230	Gerrard Nat	430	+3	21.9	6.5	...
654	236	HSBC	641	-12	...	3.1	28.3
634	313	HSBC HK	621	-12	...	3.2	25.5
330	202	Hambros	328	+3	13.8	5.6	14.5
363	308	Joseph (L)	358	...	15.8	5.9	...
130	54	King Shaxson	119	...	5.0	5.6	...
394	212	Kleinwort Ben	374†	-5	16.0	5.7	-
573	346	Lloyds	555	-1	18.4	4.4	8.0
79	40	Lon Scot Bk	78	...	3.0	5.1	15.5
426	258	Nat Aust Bk	420	+6	...	4.8	14.8
485	251	Nat West	451†	+7	...	5.2	33.0
819	418	Provident	801†	+1	28.5	4.7	-
47	25	Rea Bros	45	...	0.5	1.5	...
261½	137	Ryl Bk Scot	259	...	3.8	4.5	...
1770	1043	Schroders	1770	+12	18.0	1.4	20.6
731	364	Stand Chart	703	-13	...	3.9	...
187½	115	TSB	174	-3½	6.4	4.9	...
200	38	Union Disc	92	+2	...	4.6	...
640	405	Warburg SG	614	-1	18.0	3.9	18.2
216	137	-do- 6% 'A'	207†	...	...	3.9	...
7625	3087½	Wells Fargo	7625	...	...	1.4	...
183	99	Westpac	159	+2	...	5.1	...
253	188	Wintrust	209†	...	9.3	5.9	8.1

BREWERIES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
712	526	Allied-Lyons	571	-9	20.0	4.7	13.2
656	472	Bass	575	-8	18.9	4.4	12.5
248	146	Boddington	246	-1	7.3	4.0	-
400	243	Bulmer (HP)	393	...	9.0	3.1	18.1
159	111	Burtonwd Brw	143	+1	4.4	4.1	10.4
291	194	Devenish (JA)	263	+2	7.8	4.0	14.8
107	68	Eldridge P 'A'•	93	...	...	4.7	24.6
84½	47	Fosters Brewing	64	+1	...	4.3	9.8
440	338	Fullr Sm 'A'•	343	...	...	2.6	14.4
518	380	Grand Met	479	+8	12.3	3.4	15.8
424½	283	Greenalls Grp	400	-3	11.7	3.9	13.3
533	405	Greene King	533	...	11.6	2.9	13.9
644	440	Guinness	471	...	10.8	3.1	13.5
346	230	Hardy Hansn	230	-3	7.9	4.6	12.8
145	113	Heavitree•	113	...	3.0	3.6	-
105	78	-do- 'A' LV•	78	...	...	5.2	10.9
305	191	Highland Distl	271	+1	6.0	3.0	18.0
48	21	Hoskins Brew	40	...	...	...	28.8
335	250	Invergordn Dist	270	...	6.5	3.1	15.2
220	151	Macallan-Glen	175	...	0.7	0.6	35.3
620	380	Macdn Martn 'A'	435	...	8.8	2.7	13.7
720	515	Mansfield	707	...	13.6	2.6	15.3
260	166	Marston Thmp	244	...	4.9	2.7	14.3
477	394	Matthew Clark	425	...	15.7	4.9	12.7
351	195	Merrydwn W	275	...	...	3.0	14.9
493	320	Morland	488	...	8.4	2.3	19.5
12	5¼	Paramount•	10½	...	...	2.1	18.6
1020	665	SA Breweries	948	-2	...	2.8	-
492	380	Scot & New	483	+1	16.1	4.6	12.6
200	145	Taunton Cider	184	...	...	3.4	17.2
241	148	Vaux Group	222	...	9.3	3.5	15.6
260	165	Wetherspoon JD	260	+8	...	2.5	21.0
499	347	Whitbread 'A'	477	-4	16.9	4.7	13.4
1436	1050	-do- 'B'	1050	-5	16.9	2.2	29.6
660	510	Wolvrhmptn D	598	...	11.4	2.5	16.8
545	453	Young 'A'	510	...	14.5	3.8	22.3

BUILDING, ROADS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
95	60	Abbey	90	+2	...	1.5	32.5
27	9	Albrighton•	18	...	...	6.4	10.8
128	54	Allen•	104	...	...	...	7.0
182	53	Amec	76	-3	10.2	...	-
27	2½	Anglia Sec	8½	-½	...	...	...
192	85	Ashstead•	170†	-1	4.1	3.1	22.3
151	100	Attwoods	134	-2	5.0	5.0	19.4
238	123	BPB Ind	203	-7	...	4.9	51.6
102	50	Baggeridge Brk	78	+2	3.1	5.3	26.2
31	15	Bailey (Ben) Con	29	-1	0.5	...	...
118	68	Barcom	87	...	1.2	1.9	15.8
130	34	Barratt Devs	127	...	2.0	2.1	14.2
383	305	Bellway	360	+1	11.5	4.3	20.9
32	14	Bellwinch	25	...	...	...	...
355	178½	Berkeley Gp	338†	...	...	2.4	23.3
100	45	Bett Bros	50	+5	...	...	2.1
89	27	Blockleys	46	...	3.3	...	45.7
284½	121	Blue Circle	215	-8	13.2	7.0	21.5
275	140½	Boot (Henry)	275	...	...	2.6	15.0
108	62	Breedon PLC	95	...	4.6	6.5	18.4
132	66	Br Dredging	105	...	7.4	9.4	13.6
180	42	Brit Fittngs	53	...	5.3	...	...
130	60	Bryant	126	...	4.8	5.1	27.0
80	38	CALA	57	...	2.3	5.4	...
249	187	CRH	241	...	...	3.9	-
48	14	Cakebread Rby	33	...	...	...	...
82	18½	Costain	30	...	4.7	...	...
143	51	Countryside	120	...	4.1	4.6	31.7
66	23	Crest Nicholson	55†	-1	0.0	...	-
58	14	Cussins	46	...	...	...	...
6	¼	Dunton•	2½	...	1.8	...	0.4
45	12	Edmond Hldgs	23	...	...	4.9	14.9
211	132	Epwin	181	+2	2.0	...	...
54	23	Erith	34	...	...	3.9	12.1
338	220	Eve Group•	335	-1	5.6	...	21.0
88	25	Evered Bardon	39	...	...	...	...
19	3	Explaura•	4½	...	...	...	...
135	68	Freeman Gp•	102	...	4.3	...	15.9
79	39	Galliford	40	...	...	...	...
98	75	Gibbs & Dandy	75	...	12.7	2.3	11.1
925	578	Gleeson (MJ)	248	+1	3.1	4.5	19.6
114	67	Hewden-Stuart	94	+2	2.6	...	49.8
63	28	Hewetson	50†	-1	12.5	9.0	17.1
388	128	Heywd Wm	186	...	9.0	...	8.5
106	25	Higgs & Hill	62	+1	2.5	...	11.8
39	23	How Gp	34	...	0.5	3.7	...
29	10	Howard Hldgs	18	...	6.0	...	...
96	36	Ibstock Johnsen	59	...	0.5	...	...
43	14½	Jarvis	18	...	...	...	...
240	109	Laing (J)	205	+2	9.0	5.9	10.6
35	3½	Lilley	7#	...	4.5	10.9	20.7
122	55	Lo Clydeside•	53	...	...	...	8.4
26	4½	Lovell (YJ)	18½	-½	...	...	...
305	180	Manders	104	+9	9.0	4.0	-
148	57	Marley	107	-3	4.2	3.2	27.0
97	47	Marshalls	75	-1	...	8.9	25.1
155	101	Maunders (J)	125	...	4.9	5.3	11.4
219	76	McAlpine (A)	145†	...	6.5	6.0	25.1
75	19	McCarthy & S	32	...	0.5	6.1	...
433	181	Meyer Intl	300	-2	16.5	7.3	30.9
14	4	Miskin Gp•	4	...	10.5	...	...
171	52	Mowlem (J)	89	...	...	...	...
78	18	NSM	73	...	...	...	...
83	40	Needler•	49	...	...	7.8	26.6
165	50	Newman Tonks	127	...	...	8.4	-
327	146	Persimmon	233	-3	11.6	5.0	-
36	10	Phoenix Timber	23	...	...	...	...
1625	1150	Pochins	1475	...	28.0	2.6	9.0
155	66	Prowting	96	...	3.4	4.7	...
23	3¼	Quiligotti•	9¼	...	...	...	...
669	383	RMC Gp	582	-7	20.0	4.6	31.7
137	67	Raine Ind	96	...	6.0	8.5	15.7
96	20	Ramus•	23	...	...	...	...
585	300	Redland	440	-16	25.0	7.4	19.3
101	61	Rystel	72	...	4.3	8.0	9.6
248	152	Rugby Group	222	...	6.4	3.9	16.7
48	25	Sandell-Perkins	33	...	...	...	5.9
98	50	Sharpe & Fisher	83	...	4.0	6.4	...
143	70	Sheffield Insul	143	...	5.4	5.0	37.0
90	53	Sherif Hldgs•	89	...	...	3.0	13.3
86	53	Shorco•	86	...	...	8.2	13.1
272	188	Smart (J)	220	...	8.5	5.3	10.0
15	4¾	[illegible]	5¼	...	...	...	...
161	51	Tarmac	108	...	5.5	6.8	44.7
236	120	Tay Homes	185	...	5.8	4.2	10.2
143	34	Taylor Woodrw	86	...	9.5	...	12.2
683	388	Tilbury Dougls	520	...	23.0	8.5	17.1
46	18	[illegible]	23	...	...	2.3	...
228	105	Travis Perkins	182	...	8.0	5.6	27.2
58	20	Try Group	31	...	6.0	...	4.2
38	26	Tudor•	28	...	...	...	...
106	45	Vibroplant	66	...	3.6	7.3	12.1
55	12	Ward Hldgs	37	...	...	...	...
43	23	Waterhouse	36	...	...	...	...
475	265	Watts Blake	450	...	9.3	2.8	23.4
19	8	Wescol•	13	...	...	...	...
129	45	Westbury	116	...	...	5.6	...
18	4¾	West Scaffold•	9¼	...	...	...	...
22	2	Wiggins	10	-½	...	...	...
481	215	Wilson Bowdn	373	-1	8.2	3.1	19.1
221	96	Wilson (C)	185	...	3.9	3.2	26.2
189	65	Wimpey G	125	-4	...	5.6	48.0
81	25	YRM	30	...	4.0	...	3.5

BUSINESS SERVICES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
638	343	ADT	638	+8	...	...	-
248	198	Adam & Harvey	220	...	11.0	6.7	5.4
127	53	Air London•	85	...	...	3.5	10.5
63	34	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	5.7	9.3
175	81	Aran Sec	168	...	4.9	3.9	13.7
208	80	BET Ord	95	+1	...	9.1	13.9
100	41	BNB Res	67	...	4.9	9.6	7.9
318	228	BPP	310	...	6.9	3.0	17.5
285	178	Barbour Index	275	...	7.2	3.5	20.4
30½	13	Boustead	18	...	0.7	5.2	36.8
231	111	Brit Data Mgt	223	+5	...	2.4	18.5
14	9	Broadcastle•	14	...	...	...	...
101	58	Brooks Service	63	...	4.0	...	20.1
142	22	CRT Gp	98	...	2.4	3.3	11.2
484	262	Capita Group	481	+1	6.3	1.8	-
36	19	Cestus Plc	25½	+1½	0.5	1.9	13.5
220	25½	Chiltern Capital	54	...	...	...	...
39	22	Christie	30	...	...	...	...
285	180	Clarkin Sec	225	...	...	1.4	30.4
43	18	Comtec•	32	...	...	...	...
31	5¼	Corp Services	19¼	+¼	...	...	...
133	48	Dart	76	...	3.3	5.8	8.6
225	145	Davis Service	224	+2	7.9	4.8	17.0
115	85	EW Facts•	97	...	...	5.9	7.2
57	8	Gardiner	12¼	...	1.3	13.9	3.9
48	20	Gardner (DC)	34	+2	...	...	-
246	163	Hays	232	+1	4.6	2.7	22.7
251	167½	Hogg Robinson	198	...	6.3	4.2	14.0
143½	43	Holmes Protectn	69	...	...	...	4.1
162	98	Hutch Whamp	155	-2	...	...	16.7
£119	6837½	ISS B DKr	£119	+200	...	0.9	16.8
637	375	Inchcape	609	-13	12.5	2.7	25.9
805	561	Johnson Clean	805	+2	25.7	4.3	16.8
18½	2½	Lep	9¼	...	...	...	...
244	168	Mitie Gp	223	...	2.7	1.6	18.4
1187	682	Manpower	1151	+35	...	...	...
44½	32½	Michael Page	44	...	1.8	5.5	12.2
251	88	Pelma•	251	...	...	1.1	63.6
5½	2	Prime People•	3¼	...	...	...	...
398	68	Proudfoot Alex	119	+4½	19.5	22.8	2.5
453	355	RCO	405†	-2	12.8	4.6	13.9
183	117	REA	117	...	4.0	4.6	...
81	48	Reed Executive	49	-1	...	...	...
165	117	Reliance Secs•	151	...	...	4.0	15.2
13	4	Resourcement•	4#	...	...	...	...
238	134	Rentokil	234	-2	1.6	1.0	94.4
223	180	Ruffe & Nolan	220	...	6.2	3.1	18.1
399	234	Salvesen (C)	386	...	7.0	2.4	21.4
43	25	Scott Pickstn	34	...	...	3.1	9.4
206	98	Securiguard	188	...	9.4	6.7	10.0
12	1½	Select Appt•	5¼	...	...	...	...
915	555	Serco Gp	915	+15	14.0	2.1	-
352	132	Shared Cmpt•	320	...	...	2.5	8.6
157	82½	Sketchley	117	...	3.0	3.4	14.2
360	270	Warner Howard	353	...	5.9	2.2	19.9
81	40	Waldeck	40	...	0.6	2.0	...
22	7	Wills Gp	21½	...	...	0.6	29.4

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	162	Allied Colloids	240	+1	3.9	2.2	19.1
741	413	Amersham	740	+3	12.5	2.3	27.4
31½	4¼	Anglo Utd	4¼	...	0.8	...	...
£101½	7362½	BASF DM	£100¼	-100	...	7.8	...
219	201	BTP	209	+1	8.8	4.4	19.7
£119	9050	Bayer DM50	£117¼	+46½	...	4.8	...
248	126	Blagden	148	...	9.5	8.9	-
165	115	Brent Chems	162	...	7.4	6.3	-
530	418	Br Bio-Tech	480	...	...	...	...
95	13	Cabot Gp	22	-½	2.5	15.7	5.3
179	112	Canning (W)	143	...	7.2	6.8	11.5
616	371	Courtaulds	602	...	13.0	2.9	16.3
270½	142	Croda	259	-½	7.5	3.9	19.7
211	152	Ellis & Everard	188	...	7.0	5.0	17.1
20½	7	Euro Colour	20	-½	0.6	4.3	...
130	43	Evode	138	...	3.5	3.5	-
282	171	Halstead (J)	282	...	...	2.8	15.1
227	158	Hickson	223	+1	7.8	4.7	14.2
£114½	7537½	Hoechst	£107¾	-50	...	7.4	...
1430	975	ICI	1283	+15	...	6.0	33.5
688	434	Laporte	687	+3	18.9	3.7	18.5
328	138	Leigh	214	+8	7.8	4.9	17.5
29½	11	MTM	17¾	...	1.6	...	2.7
1687½	1100	Norsk Hydro	1675	+25	...	1.7	...
415	340	Paterson Zoch	415	...	11.4	3.7	17.9
395	355	-do- 'A'	372½	...	11.4	4.1	16.1
301	231	Plysu	265	...	8.0	3.0	17.9
306	130	Porvair	201†	-2	3.6	2.4	-
13	4½	Smith Speak•	10	...	...	...	...
475	320	Wardle Storeys	450	...	16.0	5.0	17.3
455	270	Wolstenholme R	455	...	16.3	4.8	20.0
391	245½	Yorks Chem	389	...	...	2.6	20.8
287	214	Yule Catto	287	+2	5.4	2.4	18.1

DRAPERY, STORES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
382	65	Alexon	90	+1	...	4.4	4.9
109	23	Amber Day	55	-2	3.1	7.5	15.1
306	180	Argos Plc	290	-3	6.4	2.9	20.1
99	57	Ashley (Laura)	77	...	0.1	0.2	...
305	180	Asprey•	298	...	...	2.2	23.8
340	180	Austin Reed	195	...	6.0	...	50.8
159	112	Beattie (J) 'A'	148	...	5.7	5.2	14.1
146	74	Bennalls	120	...	3.8	4.3	67.7
266	86	Benrose	264	-1	...	0.6	36.4
114	22	Blacks Ldr	25	...	...	...	8.2
371	133	Body Shop	190	...	1.6	1.1	21.9
15¼	3	Brown & Jackson	15¼	...	...	...	...
400	280	Brown (N)	397	+13	6.0	2.0	24.6
80¼	29	Burton	77	-1	...	3.5	...
320	126	Carvers	142	...	...	2.5	18.9
358	245	Church	310	...	12.5	5.4	28.5
163	58	Clinton Cards	156	...	3.7	3.2	...
231	151	Coats Viyella	230	-1	7.0	4.1	26.4
163	77	Colorvision•	96	-2	...	...	16.2
454	300	Courts Furnish	452	...	5.0	1.5	22.7
282	100	Crown Eyes•	140	...	...	5.7	6.5
111	65	Dairy Farm Intl	102	...	...	...	16.5
58	27½	Dewhirst (I)	58	...	0.7	1.7	19.2
286	179	Dixons Grp	235	+4	6.0	3.4	27.6
495	350	Dunhill	350	-5	7.7	2.9	12.1
33	12½	ERA Gp	14	...	...	...	6.5
780	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	400	...	16.0	5.3	8.9
115	36½	Essex Furn	113	-1	...	3.3	18.9
258	199	Etam	212	-5	6.6	4.2	18.0
558	340	Fine Art Dev	543	...	11.0	2.7	20.8
80	26	Fired Earth Tiles	42	...	4.0	...	30.7
500	438	Forminster	498	...	12.5	3.4	10.4
50	5	French Conn•	50	...	...	...	...
75	21	Gabicci•	40	...	...	6.7	8.0
69	39	Gent SR	63	-1	2.0	4.3	18.3
41	18	Goldsmiths Gp	37	...	1.8	...	...
2625	1800	GUS	2625	...	40.0	2.0	20.9
1728	1319	-do- 'A'	1678	-5	40.0	3.2	13.4
75	30	Hampden Grp•	35	...	...	7.6	5.0
283	123	Hartstone	155	-7	4.8	4.2	9.5
25	16½	Helene Plc	24	...	2.0	11.2	10.5
42	18	Heritage•	39	...	...	...	...
58	25	Honeysuckle•	49†	-2	...	2.7	6.9
168	128	Hse of Lerose	137	+1	10.3	10.0	20.8
195	40	Jacques Vert	63	...	2.0	...	...
582	398	Kingfisher	546	-1	...	3.3	16.4
74	54½	Leslie Wise Gp	71†	...	4.0	7.5	...
645	405	Liberty	659	...	7.2	1.5	44.8
373	162	Lloyds Chem	298	-1	3.5	2.5	11.6
151	90¼	MFI	128	-5	...	3.9	17.1
359½	268	Marks Spencer	359	+7	7.1	2.6	21.8
490	319	Menzies (John)	448	-1	10.0	3.0	14.9
148	110	Moss Bros	147	...	5.0	4.5	28.3
162	57	Next	162	+2½	0.7	0.6	31.9
85	15	Oliver (G)	17	...	1.0	...	...
250	170	Oriflame Intl	223	...	...	5.4	14.5
84	45	Pentos	54	+2	1.5	3.8	-
278	202	QS Hldgs	278	+3	4.7	2.3	21.5
29	7	Raines Group	18	-½	2.4	17.8	...
75	10	Rhino Grp•	31½	+¼	...	...	...
180	110	Sherwood Gp	150	-5	...	2.0	14.4
135	54	Sears	99	-3	...	4.7	27.2
523	357	Smith WH 'A'	427	-3	13.4	4.2	15.0
29	4¼	Specialeyes•	8	...	...	...	...
219	87	Storehouse	190	+4	5.0	3.5	...
256	153	T & S Stores	163	-2	5.5	4.5	10.6
107	27	Tie Rack	106	...	0.5	0.6	...
213	132	Time Products	212	...	7.5	4.7	20.7
100	47	Usher (Frank)•	100†	...	...	6.7	7.0
45	23	Vivat	40	-1	1.0	3.4	-
43	28	Wensum•	40	...	...	...	7.1
104	53	Wickes	98	+1	...	...	43.5
70	28	Wld of Leathers	38	...	...	...	68.2
205	102½	Wyevale•	175	+3	...	3.1	-
7	2½	Xtra-vision•	2½	...	...	...	2.7

ELECTRICALS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
103	45	AB Elect	68	...	...	...	...
197	128	ACT Group	171	-1	4.5	3.5	16.8
238	195	Acal•	238	...	...	3.3	19.0
162½	6	Acorn Compu	118	-6	...	...	...
480	299	Admiral	450	...	5.4	1.6	-
133	94	Alba	121	...	4.7	5.3	15.8
75	7	Alphameric	28½	...	...	...	...
42	19	Amstrad	35¼#	+4½	0.4	...	...
141	83	App Holo•	109	...	...	...	...
21	12	Arlen	14	...	...	...	...
48	12	Astec	43	-¼	...	...	...
292	218	Beales Hunter	268	...	9.2	4.6	14.1
20	1¼	Bennett & Fountn	6	...	...	...	...
381	207	BICC	372	+1	...	7.2	28.6
575	314	Blick	525†	...	9.2	2.3	20.4
4525	1150	Borland•	1350	...	...	...	...
299	208	Bowthorpe	289	...	6.0	2.7	20.4
444½	305	BT	435½	-1½	14.4	4.4	16.2
9	5	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	8½	...	0.1	1.6	...
226	80	Burnfield	150	...	8.7	5.3	-
750	493	Cable Wireless	723	-1	13.2	2.4	22.3
14¼	4¾	Chloride	13¾	...	...	...	...
303	205	CML Micro•	251	...	...	2.4	16.5
116	62	Comput People	91	+2	5.4	...	11.7
151	60¼	Cray Elect	137½	+1½	...	0.5	11.2
320	231	Critchley	310	+6	...	3.5	22.7
506	331	Delta	440	-5	14.0	4.2	17.4
298	145	Denmans Ele	297	...	...	2.7	-
620	375	Domino	618	...	7.2	1.6	21.1
66	43	Dowding Mills	53	...	2.5	6.3	17.4
1015	750	Druck•	990	...	...	1.3	24.1
289	233	Electrocomp	288	-1	7.0	3.3	21.5
545	286	El Data Fr	520†	...	5.1	4.3	14.3
75	38	Electron House	70	...	3.3	4.5	21.3
25½	7	Emess	18	...	1.0	...	...
550	202	Eurotherm	536	...	8.0	2.0	24.4
128	51	EKI	125	...	3.3	3.5	34.2
378	227	Farnell Elect	368	+3	5.8	2.1	20.1
40	18	Feedback•	35	...	...	...	...
17	3½	Ferranti	16½	+2	...	...	...
150	30	First Tech	150	...	...	...	...
153	71	Forward Gp•	153	...	...	2.2	18.4
28½	10	Forward Tech	18	+1	...	...	...
314	183	GEC	301	+1	3.6	4.8	15.9
222	102	Graseby	165	...	10.9	8.8	14.3
57	28	Hilclare•	39	...	...	1.7	12.7
458	365	Hoskyns Gp	457	...	2.4	0.7	-
135	86	INSTEM•	115	-4	...	3.7	...
368	190	Jones Stroud	305	...	8.8	2.9	15.0
21	8	Kenbury	8	...	0.3	8.3	3.1
321	208	Kenwood Appl	330	...	...	...	17.0
339	47	Kewill Sys•	76	...	...	...	3.8
173	32	Kode	173	+13	5.5	4.3	-
40	8	Laserscan•	31	...	...	...	...
293	49½	LIMS•	281	-27	...	...	...
315	240	Lec Refrig	280	...	14.5	6.9	21.4
179	125	Life Sciences	158	-3	3.5	3.0	-
232	130	Logica	195	+8	3.8	2.5	22.9
55	45	LPA Inds•	46	...	...	10.2	13.0
212	159	MR Data Mngmt	199	...	4.3	2.9	19.0
663	371	Macro 4	655	-5	...	2.6	21.8
604½	301	Mentor Sys•	588	-2	...	2.1	18.6
3013	1453	Micro Focus	2313	+28	...	...	21.3
227	150	Microgen	222	...	7.2	4.4	15.1
38	13	Microvitec•	31	...	...	...	...
514	201	Misys	488	+1	6.1	1.7	22.3
147	40	Mitel	130	...	...	...	...
138	78	MMT Compu•	130	...	...	3.6	16.5
92	25	Molynx	25	...	4.0	21.3	2.4
373	202	MTL Instr•	229	+14	...	2.1	-
165	82	Multitone Elect	145	...	3.0	2.8	17.8
149	71	Murray Elect	148	...	1.8	1.7	-
6412½	3962½	NYNEX	6325	-37½	...	...	...
188	115	Neutronics	185	...	2.6	1.9	23.6
63	32	Newmark (L)	47	...	...	...	...
90	33	Norbain•	80	...	...	1.7	12.0
50	20	Northamber	41	...	0.5	1.6	...
17¼	9	Oceonics	12	+¼	...	...	7.8
254	165	Oxford Inst	222	...	4.3	2.6	14.9
127	46	P-E Internl	67	...	6.2	...	...
60	16	P & P	58	-1	1.4	3.3	30.4
79	42	Peek	78	...	3.4	5.8	23.1
190	85	Pegasus•	166	-1	...	5.2	-
9200	7000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
1487½	625	-do- Lmp NV	875	...	...	...	...
452	310	Pifco	441	+1	7.2	2.4	37.4
432	290	-do- 'A' Voting	421	+1	7.7	2.5	35.7
95	48	Plasmec•	93	...	...	3.6	11.9
104	63	Pressac	95	...	2.4	3.4	18.5
220	65	Psion•	118	-7	...	2.7	...
11	2	Ptarmigan	7	...	...	...	...
206	129	Racal Elect	205	+6	1.5	1.0	24.3
46	28	Radamec	40	...	0.5	1.4	27.0
70	28	Radius•	65	...	...	5.7	-
118	61	Real Time•	65	...	...	6.2	5.9
29	20	Rivaa	25	-1	...	...	...
562	328	Sage Gp	562	...	9.0	2.1	18.0
66	44	Scantronic	65	...	2.9	6.1	20.5
142	93	Scholes Grp	137	...	5.0	4.9	26.9
340	179	Sema Gp	289	...	2.8	1.3	-
45	21	Silvermines	37	...	...	7.4	...
50	29	Soundtracks•	40	...	...	7.3	13.5
2025	1275	TDK	2025	+50	...	1.4	21.3
8	3	TDS Circuits•	6½	...	...	...	...
127	30	Telemetrix	110	...	0.6	0.7	38.4
888	633	THORN EMI	861	-22	30.1	4.7	22.2
111	88	Thorpe FW	106	-2	2.5	3.1	10.9
103	33	Total Systems•	85	...	2.2	3.5	15.2
429	190	Tunstall	415	...	6.0	1.9	18.6
240	123	Unitech	221	+1	5.8	3.5	38.7
24½	7	Verity•	7	...	...	...	...
33	13	Vistec•	31½	...	...	1.3	26.8
434	285	Vodafone	415	-2	...	1.9	20.4
441	249½	Volex	409	...	...	5.5	20.8
18	10	Western Selectn	17½	...	...	...	...
287	153	Wholesale Ftgs	223	...	11.7	7.0	21.2

ELECTRICITY

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
468½	223	East Midlands	464	+3	17.1	4.9	8.9
483	266	Eastern Elect	481	+2	16.7	4.6	11.9
284	143	Hydro-Elect	283	+2	10.1	4.1	11.8
488	288	London Elect	488	+3	16.8	4.6	9.4
546	324	Manweb	536	+2	18.2	4.5	7.7
511	287	Midlands Elec	508	+2	17.2	4.5	10.7
538½	295	Northern Elec	536	+2	18.5	4.6	8.0
530	298	Norweb	529	+2	17.7	4.5	10.0
252½	142	Scottish Power	252	+2	10.1	4.2	12.0
518	297	Seeboard	518	+3	17.2	4.4	9.3
555	313	Sth Wales	553	...	19.4	4.7	8.8
507	293	Sth Western	505	+2	17.4	4.6	9.1
491	270	Southern Elec	491	+3	16.6	4.5	9.7
539	331	Yorkshire Elec	539	+4½	17.7	4.4	10.0
341	188	National Powr	341	+8	9.1	3.6	11.3
342	196	PowerGen	342	+7	9.2	3.6	10.6

FINANCE, LAND

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
58	28	Aitken Hume	53	...	0.5	...	33.9
70	37½	BWD•	70	+1	...	6.3	10.6
124	23	Baltic Plc	49	...	1.0	2.7	-
453	299	Caledonia	436	...	14.4	4.4	16.7
1950	1050	Camellia	1400	...	27.0	2.6	11.8
250	203	Candover	253	...	10.2	5.5	-
91	48	Fleetech•	81	...	...	...	8.0
238	108	Govett	235	-1	...	7.3	-
138	97	Ivory Sime	138	+1	...	6.0	14.6
6¼	3¼	LIT	6¼	+¼	...	...	...
165	7½	Lightship	12#	...	...	...	0.6
185	110	Lon Forfaitng•	185	...	...	6.2	-
84	14	Manakin	77	...	...	...	...
10¼	1¼	Nat Home Loan	9¼	...	...	...	...
47	24	Newmarket	45	...	...	...	...
260	179	Rathbone Brs	260	...	...	2.6	18.4
22	9¼	Rutland Tst	20	-1	0.8	5.3	11.4
330	120	S & U	295	...	...	3.7	10.6
67	34	Singer & Fried	63	...	2.6	5.6	-
938	575	Sotheby's	900	+12	...	4.6	...
99	73	SJP Capital	98	...	3.0	4.1	17.7

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1937½	1047½	Amer Express	1887¼	-60½	...	...	...
234	149	Electra	228	...	6.7	3.9	31.1
978	535	Henderson Ad	973	-5	41.0	5.6	21.4
120	50	Invesco MIM	118	...	...	3.4	17.3
223	121	Jardine Strat	214	-4	...	3.4	9.6
194	100½	MAI	185	-1	6.0	4.3	13.4
469	244	MAM	452	...	11.5	3.4	18.1
793	460	M & G	782	...	20.0	3.4	21.1
178	81	Smith New Ct	175	-2	4.5	3.4	7.0
98	57	Sterling Tst•	97#	...	...	...	8.5
78	35	Trio Hldgs	70½	+2½	...	5.7	...

FOODS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	362	All Food	498	-2	14.0	3.7	11.4
72	21¼	ASDA Group	70½	-1½	...	3.0	22.7
225	75	Acatos & Hutch	222	...	6.5	3.9	12.8
83	31	Albert Fisher	71	-3	3.7	7.0	11.8
432	223	Argyll	384	-3	9.7	3.4	15.1
51	11	Ashley Group	30	-1½	0.7	5.0	...
147	103	Assoc Fisheries	151	...	7.0	7.1	24.2
200	143	Banks (S C)	200†	...	8.2	5.5	10.0
348	200	Barr (AG)	347	...	6.5	2.5	-
117	74	Bensons Crsps•	92	...	...	4.1	9.8
137½	50	Bedford Ind	129	-3	...	...	...
490	312	Booker	445	-1	21.7	6.5	11.6
44	28	Borthwick	40½	+½	1.1	3.6	28.2
474	334	Brake Bros	449	+6	5.7	1.7	18.8
51	31	Budgen	45	...	...	...	15.3
511	412	Cadbury-Schw	502	-6	...	3.6	18.5
107	64	Carrs Milling	84	...	3.9	6.2	16.8
256	105	Clifford Fd 'A'	256	...	11.5	6.0	12.1
186	140	Cranswick•	184	...	...	5.4	13.6
38	8	Cullens	19½	...	0.5	3.4	10.5
435	250	Dalepak	280	...	6.0	2.9	12.6
491	352	Dalgety	488	+3	19.5	5.4	14.0
54	27	Daniels S	36	+1	0.2	0.9	39.3
134	92½	Everest	133	...	...	3.5	18.2
295	234	Fairpak•	288	...	...	2.3	20.4
16	3	Faringford	8½	...	...	...	...
92	53	Finlay (James)	81	...	4.1	6.8	15.2
95	68	Fyffes	90	...	...	1.7	-
475	349	Geest	469	-5	7.9	2.2	17.8
12	5	Global•	11	...	...	6.1	10.1
49	34	Grand Central	43	...	1.1	3.6	...
187	81	Hazlewood Fds	187	+1	6.1	4.3	11.3
200	68	Hillsdown	158	-3	...	7.7	11.9
61	27	Hunter Saphir	43	...	2.5	...	...
745	412	Iceland Frozen	738	+15	8.5	1.5	19.7
142	103	JLI Group	129	-1	4.5	4.7	18.6
853	514	Kwik Save	838	-2	16.0	2.5	17.5
288½	169	Low (Wm)	254	+2	8.4	4.4	12.3
74	29	Matthews (B)	50	...	4.5	...	10.6
33	9	Merchant Retail	15½	...	1.1	10.0	37.0
177	83½	Morrison (W)	169	...	...	0.5	26.5
538	318	Nichols (JN)	533	...	12.3	3.1	15.2
317½	215	Nthn Foods	270	-5	...	3.8	15.4
48	11	Nrthmbn Fds•	19	...	...	...	7.9
219	132	Nurdin Peack	200	-2	5.5	3.7	13.6
241	78½	Park Foods	232	+1	3.2	1.8	27.7
155	45	Perkins Food	106	-1	4.4	5.7	-
96½	21	PizzaExpress	77	...	...	0.9	44.3
301	130	RHM	275	...	...	6.7	14.0
3¼	1½	Regina Hlth•	3	...	...	...	...
584	337	Sainsbury J	531½	+1½	8.7	2.2	19.8
61	33	Senior Farms•	53	...	...	2.5	12.4
340	175	Sims Food	209	-1	11.2	7.2	11.3
443	285	Tate & Lyle	432	-5	12.0	3.7	15.9
296	194½	Tesco	253	+3	6.3	3.3	12.0
211	152	Thorntons	198	-2	3.6	2.5	18.3
163	83	Treats•	161†	...	...	3.0	18.4
373	192	Unigate	364	-3	15.3	5.6	13.0
440	222	Utd Biscuits	384	+4	15.3	5.3	13.4
25	12	Usborne	23	...	0.4	2.3	14.1
357	205	Watson & Phil	327	+2	11.3	5.4	17.1

HOTELS, CATERERS

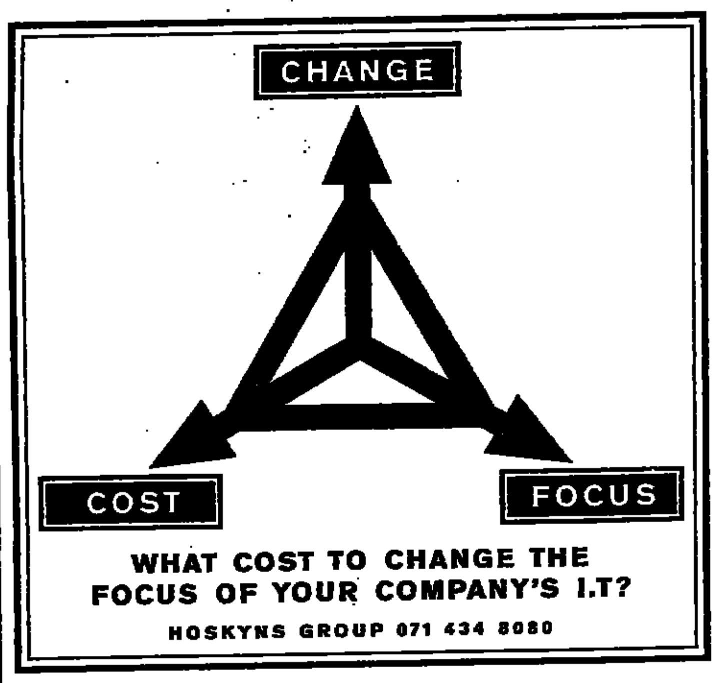
1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
23	16	Abrdn Stk H•	16	...	...	...	...
89	32	City Centre Rest	86	-1	1.4	2.3	24.1
262	112	Forte	206	-1	9.9	6.4	...
240	94	Friendly Hotels	172	...	5.5	4.3	13.8
13	5	Harmony Leis•	7½	-½	...	...	...
114	87	Jurys Hotel	101	...	...	6.0	11.9
267	126	Ladbroke	201	-7	...	7.6	25.7
73	37½	Mandarin Orntl	68	-3	...	5.1	17.9
49	26	Queens Moat	46	-1	2.8	8.4	6.1
118	51½	-do- 7½% cvpr	89†	-½	7.5	11.2	...
2¼	½	Regal Hotels•	1½	...	...	...	...
89½	16	Resort Hotels	46	...	3.4	10.0	9.0
750	420	Savoy Hotel 'A'	713	...	7.0	1.3	...
54	28	Stakis	53†	...	...	1.1	...

INDUSTRIALS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
224	135	AAF Inds	220	-2	...	4.5	11.6
616	460	AAH	525	+1	16.3	4.2	16.7
203	122	AIM	148	+1	6.5	5.9	9.2
136	76	APV	117	...	5.4	6.2	21.1
182	50	ASW	180	...	6.0	4.5	...
155	86	Adwest	155	...	7.0	6.0	22.0
33	5	Aerospace Eng	13†	...	1.0	...	7.9
469	253	Alexon	461	...	7.5	2.2	12.8
133	38	Alcudia W	131	...	3.6	3.7	70.8
22	8	Allied Radio	8	...	...	...	...
520	358	Alumasc	520†	...	11.0	2.8	15.9
62	9	Alvis	34	...	1.0	3.9	7.0
420	308	Amber Ind	420	...	17.0	5.4	11.3
38	13	Amberley Grp•	26	...	...	5.1	...
180	125	Andrews Sykes	145	...	4.4	4.0	...
893	503	Anglogem	821	...	...	2.3	20.1
50½	28½	Armour	45½	...	1.4	4.4	13.4
170	123	Ash & Lacy	170	...	6.4	5.0	14.0
5	1½	Ass Br Eng	3¼	...	0.0	2.1	...
555	300	Avon Rubber	549	...	16.5	4.0	21.4
195	105	Assoc Nursng•	190	...	...	...	7.3
860	445	Atlas Equips•	685	+5	...	4.1	14.1
68	35	Ayrshire Metal	48	...	...	...	...
173	107	BBA	172	-1	7.5	6.0	-
33	24	BLP Groups•	28	...	...	...	...
417	49	BM Gp	57	-1	5.0	11.7	2.4
774	583	BOC	762	-1	23.2	4.1	16.7
81	51½	BSG	77½	-2	3.2	5.5	21.0
422	296	BSS Group	416	+2	...	5.5	16.6
614	381	BTR	612	+25	...	4.0	19.8
221	115	BWI	219	...	6.7	4.1	26.1
70	28½	Babcock	38	-½	3.1	...	7.9
7¼	3¼	Bailey (CH)	7½	...	...	...	...
280	193	Baird (Wm)	280	+5	8.9	4.2	18.0
1037½	550	Barlow Rand	650	-18½	...	5.8	3.3
45	7	Barrett (H)	7#	...	2.0	...	10.2
63	37	Baynes (Charles)	57	...	1.3	3.2	18.2
35	5	Beauford	7	...	1.8	...	...
35	5	Beckenham•	7½	...	...	8.9	...
31	10	Bedford (W)•	22	...	...	...	...
29½	13	Benson Group	25†	...	0.1	0.5	23.1
694	444	Bespak	694	+2	9.0	1.7	21.6
181	109	Bibby (J)	128	...	9.7	10.7	7.1
200	84	Billam (J)	215	-7	5.0	3.1	-
55	28	Bilston Bttsea•	40	+8	...	...	...
77¼	3½	Bimec Ind	10¼	-¼	0.6	...	...
43	20	Black Arrow	35	-2	2.1	8.0	8.4
1½	½	Black & Edgtn•	1	...	...	...	...
180	103	Black (Peter)	178	...	2.9	2.2	18.3
185	32	Bluebird Toys•	179	...	...	...	...
539	361	Bodycote	531	+1	9.2	2.3	18.7
571	398	Boots	514	...	12.4	3.2	19.3
84	40	Booth Inds	48	...	3.2	8.9	7.0
517	298	Bowater	512	-4	...	3.0	23.4
1682	905	Bowater Inc	1629†	...	...	...	...
229	126	Boxmore Intl•	229	...	...	2.0	22.1
20	13	Brasway	14½	...	0.5	5.3	18.7
274	186	Bremner	256	...	13.0	6.8	17.6
33	11	Bridgend Gp	15	...	1.2	...	6.8
203	34	Bridon	88	...	4.0	...	...
82	38	Bridport-Gndry	65	...	4.1	8.4	12.2
40	23	Brierley Inv	38	...	...	8.6	9.1
543	298	Br Bldg & Eng	298	...	...	...	...
47	38	Br Bloodstock•	42	...	...	...	...
478	339½	Br Polythene	476†	...	...	2.8	-
89	49½	Br Steel	88	+2	...	1.5	...
120	88	Br Syphon	120	...	3.0	3.3	33.6
14¼	9	Br Thornton	13½	+½	...	2.5	...
294	212	Br Vita	242	+3	7.1	4.0	-
13	5½	Brkdon Grp	12	...	0.0	9.3	...
730	429	Broken Hill	730	+10	...	2.5	34.7
128½	67	Bromsgrove Ind	103	...	4.0	5.2	14.2
15	3	Brooke Tool	7½	...	...	...	...
85	38	Brown & Tawse	53	...	4.7	...	...
174	63	Bullough	102	...	6.0	7.9	17.5
37	13	Business Tech•	20	...	...	...	24.1
35	12	CI Group	26	+3	2.0	10.3	10.6
66	14	Campbl & Arm	24	...	2.0	...	...
30	2	Cannon St	12½	+½	3.3	...	...
240	161	Cape	240	...	10.5	5.8	15.3
207	130	Carclo Eng	207	+3	7.8	5.0	17.4
2850	1675	Carnaud MJ	2838	+25	...	3.2	8.8
80	53	Cassidy Bros•	73	...	...	4.4	8.1
195	118	Castings	164	+2	4.8	3.3	11.7
145	90	Chamberlin Hill	145	...	8.0	5.5	8.7
707	467	Charter Cons	652	-1	21.5	4.4	15.6
270	176	Chemring	257	...	...	4.2	15.5
120	74	Chieftain Gp•	74	...	...	8.8	8.2
39	18	Chillington	23	...	0.5	2.9	...
186	90	Christies Int	185	...	1.5	1.1	-
55	33	Clayhithe	55	-2	2.5	6.1	...
140	80	Clayton Son	85	...	3.0	4.7	...
7	¼	Co Designers•	7#	...	0.2	...	...
400	255	Cohen (A)	375	...	10.0	...	...
247	188	Community H	200	...	6.5	4.3	12.4
239	126	Concentric	239	+1	...	3.1	19.1
335	68	Cook (Wm)	175	-1	10.0	...	11.7
206½	100	Cookson	194†	-2	...	4.2	-
60	35	Copymore•	45	...	...	8.0	8.8
240	176	Crown Ptr 'A'	210	-1	5.7	3.6	17.8
178	118	Cosalt	163	...	10.7	8.8	24.8
290	180	Creighton Nt•	305	...	...	4.6	14.8
36	20	CrestaCare	34	-1	0.7	2.7	21.9
3450½	1450½	Dana	3287½	-37½	...	...	...
685	168	Danka Bs Sys	615	-25	3.7	0.8	18.9
16	5	Davies (DY)•	16	...	...	...	...
707	474	De La Rue	672	-6	15.0	3.0	20.6
25	10	Dinkie Heel	23	...	0.9	5.5	11.0
444	263	Diploma	440	+2	9.7	3.0	22.9
88	43	Dobson Park	61	...	5.7	12.6	11.0
104	90	Dyson (J&J)	97	...	5.0	6.9	13.9
86	54	-do- 'A'	65	...	5.0	10.3	9.3
18	8	ERG•	17	...	...	...	...
430	355	EIS	409	...	11.7	3.8	15.2
29	9½	EIT Gp•	9¼#	...	...	...	...
26	16	Elbief	24	...	...	...	...
57	23	Eleco	25	...	3.3	...	14.7
2700	1550	Electrolux 'B'	2200	-100	...	2.7	-
480	45	Elliott (B)	62	-3	...	...	...
803	330	Eng China Cl	454	+1	20.0	5.9	15.6
2225	900	Ericsson 'B'	2175	-21½	...	1.5	-
91	48	Erskine Hse	48	...	6.6	18.5	5.0
101	29	Eurocopy	43	+1	1.6	5.0	16.7
158	29	Expamet	80	...	10.3	...	7.1
604	302	Fairey Group	604	+5	10.2	2.3	-
108	61	Fenner	87	...	4.2	6.4	16.4
61	18	Ferraris Group•	54	...	...	2.5	12.3
1½	¼	Ferromet•	1½	...	...	...	...
51	19	Ferrum	28	...	2.5	11.9	7.6
81	33	Fife Indmar	33	...	4.9	...	4.4
403	143	Fisons	209	+5	...	5.7	21.8
61	28	Fitzwilton	33	...	...	15.3	...
255	200	Flogas	240†	...	...	4.2	9.0
56	39	Folkes Group nv	43	...	2.3	7.4	8.7
74	42	French (Thmas)	70	...	3.6	6.9	35.1
198½	96	Frost Group	195#	...	...	0.5	37.7
115	63	GEI Intl	84	...	7.3	11.6	17.3
480	281	GKN	480	-5	...	5.8	20.8
93	40	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	6.0	...
130	84	Garton Eng	84	...	7.0	...	...
162	93	Gestetner	137†	...	8.2	8.0	6.0
58	21	Gieves	26	...	...	...	18.8
643	632	Glaxo	668†	-19	17.0	3.4	18.4
25½	14	Glenchewton	25½	+½	...	...	...
293	183	Glynwed	279½	-7½	11.6	5.8	-
97	63	Goode Durrant	91	...	5.4	7.9	19.3
199	79	Grampian Hd	120	...	5.5	6.1	15.5
400	192	Granada	372	-8	7.7	2.8	19.8
375	245	Great Shrm•	325	...	...	4.1	14.0
125	75	Green (Ernst)•	82	...	...	11.4	11.3
11	6	Greenacre•	10	...	...	3.3	10.7
20	6	Guardian Grp•	13	...	...	...	...
125½	23	Haden MacLn	41	...	8.0	...	6.5
83	43	Hadleigh Inds•	70	-2	...	...	...
169	97	Hall Eng	157	+3	8.6	7.3	14.0
255	148	Halma	255	...	2.2	1.1	31.5
53	29	Hampson Ind	33	+1	2.3	...	8.9
265½	184½	Hanson	248¼#	-6	...	6.1	12.7
243	138	Harris (Philip)	242	...	6.2	3.4	16.9
186	104	Harrisn Crsfld	177	-2	9.0	6.8	30.5
99	32	Havelock Euro	47	...	1.5	...	...
4½	1	Hawthorn Lsn•	1½	-¼	...	...	...
51	17	Hay (Norman)	41	...	1.1	...	...
28	15	Headway	24	...	0.7	3.9	12.7
437	211	Hepworth	325	...	14.8	6.1	12.9
190	116	Hewitt (J)	185	-2	3.0	2.2	-
283	15	High-Point	36	...	1.3	...	...
147	89	Hill & Smith	128	...	6.0	6.2	16.8
10	3	Hobson•	8¼	...	...	...	...
104	69	Holders Tech•	104	...	...	7.8	14.0
80	24	Hopkinsons	36	...	3.7	...	10.4
232	138	Hornby•	143	...	...	8.4	11.2
33	6½	Hospital Crp	11	...	...	9.7	3.0
69½	30½	Howden	67†	...	...	4.3	10.3
238	149	Hunting	238	...	10.0	5.6	18.5
950	285	Huntleigh Tec•	883	+5	...	0.2	31.8
306	210	IMI	265	-3	10.0	5.0	18.3
101	49	ISA Intl	101	+3	1.3	1.8	19.5
205	127	Intercare Gp•	190	...	...	1.8	20.1
266	175	Isotron	255	...	3.9	2.1	16.2
498	259	Jardine Math	473	-9	...	2.4	13.7
537	317	Johnson Matth	430	-9	9.6	2.9	18.2
73	44½	Johnson & FB	52	...	3.0	7.7	16.0
207	104	Johnston	106	-1	9.0	...	49.9
62	14	Jones Shipman	30	...	...	...	...
35	18	Jourdan (T)	19	...	1.5	10.5	...
49	26	Kalamazoo	42	+1½	...	...	34.6
154	73	Kalon	154	+½	3.2	2.8	-
458	253	Kelsey Ind	287	-1	13.0	6.0	...
550	450	Kenshaw (A)	527†	...	27.0	6.8	27.3
108	44	Kleeneze	103	-2	...	...	...
90	30	LGW•	88	...	...	1.7	30.6
343	229	Laird	273	+1	...	5.0	13.2
126	65	Lee (Arthur)	125	...	5.0	6.3	53.1
136	86	Lilleshall	136	...	4.2	4.2	-
126	71	Lincat•	126	...	...	5.4	17.9
15	3	Lincoln Fine•	13½	...	...	...	11.1
128	61	Linread	102	...	3.5	...	14.4
193	120	Linton Park	193	...	13.0	9.0	33.9
36	10½	Lionheart	13½	...	0.3	3.0	14.0
19½	10	Locker (T) A	16¼	...	1.0	8.1	52.0
316	157½	Lon Intl	223	...	9.4	5.7	15.2
180	57	Lonrho	83	+1	...	6.4	...
380	238	Low & Bonar	380	+5	...	3.6	-
343	203	MB-Caradon	331	-1	8.5	3.4	26.0
169½	108½	-do- pf	160½	...	7.2	5.8	...
49	12	ML Hldgs	19	...	1.8	...	18.3
39	19	MS Intl	34	...	2.5	9.8	47.5
50	31	MY Holdings	44	...	...	3.0	13.4
270	171	Macfarlane	270	+2	4.2	2.1	25.6
430	230	McKechnie	419	-2	14.7	4.7	21.8
119	72	McLeod Russel	94	...	6.0	8.5	11.5
12½	8½	Maddox	8¼	...	...	...	...
93	58	Magnolia	69	...	5.4	...	48.3
98	66	Mang Bronze	76	...	1.0	1.8	...
74½	15	Marling	29¼	+¼	0.3	...	...
174	87	Mayborn•	165	...	...	3.4	14.1
51	29	Mayflower	51	...	...	1.0	25.2
301	150	Medeva	243	+8	3.2	1.2	-
108	66	Meggitt	92	-½	3.6	5.2	13.7
123	90	Metalrax	123	+1	...	3.8	16.2
137	68	Metsec•	75	...	...	6.7	...
59	27	Midsummer	55	...	...	7.3	9.0
22½	14	Mining & Aid	18¼	...	0.5	3.6	...
460	295	Molins	455	...	12.7	3.7	12.1
345	229	Morgan Cble	334	+1	12.6	5.0	16.3
145	70	Morris Ashby•	134	...	...	4.7	11.7
31	14	Neepsend	24	...	1.5	...	...
75	34	Nestor-BNA	60	...	3.1	7.0	9.8
142	68	Nobo Gp	142	...	3.5	3.3	17.4
104	62	Norcros	142	-1	7.0	6.5	34.5
81	26	Novo Group	40	...	...	1.0	...
485	310	Nu-Swift	311	...	...	8.6	8.6
53	31	Office Elec Mac	47	...	0.1	0.3	...
49	10	OMI Intl	31	-½	1.7	7.5	...
155	133	PCT•	133	...	...	7.0	12.1
51	47	Parer Systems•	48	...	...	7.9	-
147	94	Pentland	121	+2	3.5	2.8	-
380	260	Photo-Me	368	...	4.4	1.6	18.8
169	67	Pilkington	101	-2	6.0	7.9	36.7
34	19	Plaxton•	32	+1	...	...	...
70	39	Plumbsbrook	79	...	...	5.1	11.6
148	93	Polypipe	148	...	1.9	1.8	22.1
516	335	Portals	515	+1	13.8	3.6	16.7
65	18	Porter Chadburn	27†	-1	2.5	12.3	6.7
14	1½	Porth Gp•	7½	...	...	...	...
368	204	Powerscreen	368	...	6.0	2.2	22.8
21	14½	Prospect Inds	19½	+½	0.7	5.1	9.9
53	16½	RPS Group•	52	-1	...	5.8	...
100	70	Radiant Metal	85	-5	...	...	...
148	31	Ransom Oils•	137	...	...	1.9	...
772	444	Rank Org	683†	-10	31.0	6.2	18.1
39	6	Ransomes	28	+1	...	...	...
709	523	Reckitt Coln	630	+4	15.1	3.2	14.9
100	40	Record	76	...	3.6	6.3	14.7
9½	2½	Reece	3½	...	...	...	13.1
260	105	Relyon	157	...	4.9	4.2	20.4
313	248	Renishaw	279	...	6.5	3.1	21.2
68	44	Renold	58	...	1.0	2.3	...
1438	982	Reuters	1416	-15	...	2.0	23.6
37	22½	Rexmore	29	+½	1.7	8.0	7.1
120	58	Ricardo Group	119	...	5.7	6.4	30.0
81	50	Richards (Leics)	61	...	4.4	9.6	6.1
69	47	Richardson West	63	...	2.9	6.1	15.1
130	92	Ropner	124	...	8.2	8.9	8.9
122	95	-do- 'A'	116	...	8.2	9.5	8.3
47½	22	Ross Gp	31	...	0.4	1.9	37.0
460	258	Rotork	445	...	10.0	3.0	20.6
125	85	Rubicon	121	...	...	1.7	...
100	51	Russell (A)	51	...	2.1	5.6	26.9
21	16	SEP Ind	19	+½	0.8	4.6	-
1200	6.2½	SKF 'B'	750	-25	...	5.9	...
272	107	Sanderson Elec	250	...	9.0	4.8	10.7
56	32	Savage•	49	...	...	0.7	64.2
48	39	Saville Grdn (J)	41†	...	2.2	7.2	16.2
248	158	Scapa	246	-1	5.3	2.9	20.0
245	188	Scholl	204	...	6.0	3.9	14.7
17	2½	Scot Heritable	5	...	...	...	...
990	648	Securicor	978	-2	2.6	0.4	37.2
666	469	-do- 'A'	623	-5	2.6	0.6	-
565	367	Security Serv	528	-4	5.0	1.3	26.1
94	56½	Senior Eng	92½	...	3.1	4.5	15.3
361	255½	Seton Health	327	...	...	2.1	21.0
72	42	Sheldon Jones•	45	...	...	...	...
146	83	Sidlaw	92	+4	2.7	3.9	25.2
362	225	Siebe	355	-1	20.0	4.1	15.1
507	289½	Simon	490	+1	...	2.4	21.0
301	188	Silentnight	331	...	8.0	3.5	16.7
121	65	Sine Derby	114	...	...	3.9	13.9
304	69	Simon Eng	116	-2	15.7	18.0	15.3
290	196	Skeltons (Wm)	258	...	7.0	3.6	16.5
53	22	Sir Hundred	47	...	2.5	7.1	...
177	127	Smith & Neph	155½	+2	...	4.0	20.3
566	396½	SmithKline	491†	-17	...	2.3	19.3
505	353	SmithKline U's	430†	+15	...	3.1	16.9
394	255	Smiths Ind	358	-2	11.2	4.2	14.6
142	76	Soc Bus	85	-1	3.3	5.3	8.0
330	265	Spandex•	315	...	...	2.5	16.0
410	230	Spear (JW)	360	...	10.0	3.7	11.1
348	231	Spirax-Sarco	346	...	9.0	3.5	20.7
187	85	Spring Ram	124	-6	0.2	0.3	16.3
270	156	Staveley	252	-2	8.2	4.3	14.4
147	132	Sterling Ind	147	...	5.6	5.1	18.4
17½	12	Stonehill	12†	-1	...	...	...
149	73	Suter	149	-1	8.8	7.9	13.3
319	260	Swire Pacific 'A'	297	-2	...	2.6	21.8
19	5	Sycamore	6	...	...	...	...
300	232	Syltone	255	...	9.4	4.9	11.7
198	78	T & N	181	-6	10.8	8.3	-
352	257	TI	316	-6	...	4.6	19.0
23	10	TLS Range•	13	...	5.1	...	...
275	157	TT Group	269	+4	...	3.0	17.4
249	130	Tacute	244	+5	1.5	0.8	24.2
798	405	Takeda Chem	798	...	...	0.6	21.2
44½	19	Tex Hldgs	31	...	...	...	...
79	53	Tinsley (E)•	74	-1	...	9.4	8.6
305	85	Titmo	200	...	...	2.4	17.4
271	195	Tomkins	267	...	...	3.2	18.8
152	56	Trafalgar H	79¼†	+1	...	5.4	5.8
155½	30½	-do- 'A'	76†	-1	...	...	...
545	256½	Transfer Tech	541	-4	16.0	4.0	-
173	127½	Triplex Lloyd	173	+2	7.0	5.4	15.9
253	165	UniChem	237	...	5.0	2.8	17.5
320	250	Unidare	310	...	...	7.2	-
24	8½	Unigroup	19	...	...	...	...
1248	866	Unilever	1248	+2	20.8	2.3	-
8112½	5325	Unilever (NV)	8112½	+96½	...	2.6	13.1
625	265	VSEL	591	-4	25.0	5.6	6.8
15	2½	Verson	8	...	...	...	...
179½	57	Vickers	124†	+6½	...	1.6	...
409	260	Viglen	350	...	...	2.8	16.7
359	231	Vinten	357	...	6.6	2.5	19.2
516	240	Vosper Thorny	515	...	13.1	3.4	12.4
70	36½	WSP Hldgs	41	...	2.9	9.7	7.1
468	340	Wagon Ind	436	+3	...	5.2	16.9
78	45	Walker Greenbk	75	+1	3.1	5.5	17.9
236	110	Wassall	234	...	...	1.4	28.4
34	15	Watford Wdgwd	29	...	...	...	...
675	435	Weir	654	...	10.5	2.1	19.0
1174	777	Wellcome	935	+28	13.0	1.9	25.8
39	22½	Wellman	23	...	2.2	...	8.6
490	390	Wharman	490	-2	8.7	2.4	17.7
339	201	Whessoe	320	-3	...	3.3	12.4
34	4	Wheway	9	...	1.0	14.8	...
143	15	Whitecroft	38	-½	4.0	...	4.1
12	3	Widney	7¼	...	...	...	...
197	44	Wilkes (James)	60	-1	10.0	...	3.3
379	222	Williams Hldg	353	...	12.5	4.8	18.1
26½	8	Wilshaw	25¼	-½	0.4	2.1	20.0
595	287	Wolseley	567	-1	12.5	3.0	21.7
150	100	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	4.1	4.4	13.5
80	36	Wyko	38	...	2.8	...	21.7
70	38	Young (H)	58	...	3.0	6.9	21.3

INSURANCE

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1025	Alex & Alex	1769½	-18½	...	3.8	...
2262½	1135	Am Gen	2262½	+18½	...	3.3	...
66	27	Archer (AJ)	39	...	4.4	15.0	19.0
168	83	Bradstock	140†	...	5.1	4.9	17.3
1270	762	Britannic	1270	+20	28.5	3.1	...
641	389	Com Union	612†	-14	...	5.3	...
1410	900	Dom & Gen	1406	...	...	1.7	23.1
31	18	FAI	22	...	...	...	...
612	356	Gen Accident	601	+6	26.7	6.1	...
195	108	GRE	186	-6	7.0	5.1	...
477	212	Heath C E	359	...	16.0	5.9	21.1
188	104	Hogg Gp	185	...	8.1	5.9	11.3
208	102	HB Group	183	...	...	5.5	13.5
493	287	Legal & Gen	485	...	18.8	5.2	...
1026	557	Liberty Life	1017†	+46	...	2.8	-
465	295	Lloyds Abbey	451	+2	17.3	5.1	16.2
295	160	Lloyd Thomp	295	...	5.6	2.5	21.7
343	203	Londn & Man	338	-1	13.5	5.4	26.0
362	224	Lowndes Lmb	349	-1	12.6	4.8	13.9
6743½	3931¼	Marsh McLn	6512½	-43½	...	2.9	...
154	93	Ortel	95	...	...	7.0	7.0
81	30	PWS	64	+2	4.0	8.5	-
342	199	Prudential	337	-3	11.0	4.4	29.2
1020	564	Refuge	1020	+26	31.5	4.2	-
306	118	Royal	300†	-1	5.0	2.2	...
240	100	Sedgwick	182†	+11	6.0	4.4	21.9
321	162	Steel Burrill	244	...	13.2	7.2	15.4
232	53	Sturge Hldgs	65	...	8.2	16.9	6.6
358	214	Sun Alliance	338	-8	14.2	5.6	...
61	20	Trade Indemnity	56	...	...	...	...
278	165	Transatlantic	277†	+3	12.0	5.8	-
650	305	Utd Friendly	650	+2	12.3	2.5	33.0
274	144	Willis Corroon	208	+18	...	4.3	-
21	13½	Windsor	15	...	...	...	11.8



INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1706	1218	Alliance	1700	+4	43.0	3.4	39.2
259	152	Amer Trust	259	+2	4.9	2.6	-
343	229	Ang & O'seas	342†	...	6.8	2.7	...
136½	98¼	BZW Conv	135	...	7.8	7.7	15.8
158	104	Bankers	157	+½	3.4	2.9	43.2
298	230	Baring Tribne	292†	...	6.4	2.9	46.2
172	116	Berry Starq	145	...	2.0	1.8	49.0
109½	71½	Br Assets	109¼	+½	...	5.5	25.6
65	46½	Br Empire Sec	64½	...	0.8	1.8	65.5
17	8½	-do- Wnts	16	...	...	...	...
173	123	Br Inv	173	...	4.5	3.5	43.4
166	125	Contl Assets	163†	...	2.4	2.0	54.2
230	146	Derby Inc	148	...	16.6	15.0	8.9
235	140	-do- Cap	223	-2	...	...	...
119	65	Drayton Asia	118	-1	0.7	0.8	...
96	50	-do- Blue Chip	73	...	8.4	16.0	7.9
57	26	-do- Eng Intl	56	...	1.2	2.9	...
108	61	-do- Far East	101	-2	0.6	0.8	...
101	56	-do- Korea	97	...	...	...	...
631	473	Dunedin Inc G	630	+1	25.4	5.5	-
582	407	-do- Wwde	578	+1	9.5	2.2	59.5
278	220	Dundee & Lon	269	-1	12.0	5.9	24.8
61	36	EFM Inc Tst	50	...	4.8	13.0	9.0
54	40½	-do- Div Pf	52½	-½	...	...	...
274	199	Edinburgh	274	+1	8.0	3.9	35.5
155	107	Electric Gen	155	...	3.1	2.7	49.3
97	65	English Scot	97	...	...	...	...
253	186	European Asset	250	-3	...	1.0	-
104	68	Finsbury 'A'	89	-1	3.0	4.5	28.6
290	162	Fleming Amer	279	+2	0.7	0.3	...
417	297	-do- Claver	406	...	10.7	3.5	40.0
266	175	Do Contl	265	...	2.8	1.4	...
166	119	-do- Entp	166	...	4.5	3.6	37.3
256	157	-do- F East	252	-2	1.5	0.8	...
305	198	-do- Fledg	304†	...	3.0	1.3	...
116	81	-do- HI Inc	114†	...	5.8	6.8	19.4
164	100	-do- Japan	159	+2	0.3	0.3	...
271	190½	-do- Merc	259	-1	6.7	3.5	-
251	169½	-do- O'seas	251	...	4.0	2.1	59.9
229	150	Foreign & Col	229	...	3.5	2.1	-
210	144	-do- Eurotst	209	...	1.2	0.8	...
107	71	-do- German	106	...	0.4	0.5	...
232	134	-do- Pacific	228	-1	1.7	1.0	...
137½	79	-do- Smaller	136	...	...	1.8	69.1
205	121	GT Japan	178	-3	...	0.9	...
116	49	Genl Cons Cap	109	-1	...	...	...
129½	96	-do- Inc	110	...	...	10.2	11.4
145	63	Govett Am Smlr	136	...	...	...	...
232	128	-do- Oriental	229	...	0.9	0.5	...
246	150	-do- Strategy	242	...	6.7	3.7	33.4
370	265	Greenfriar	370	...	6.3	2.3	55.6
28	¼	Gresham House	5	...	...	...	...
53	31	Independent Inv	52	...	0.5	1.3	...
134	95	Inv Cap	133	...	5.1	5.1	26.7
95	67	IoS UK Smlr	89	...	2.0	3.0	22.0
183	120	Kleinwort Chrt	182	...	5.0	3.7	35.4
203	134½	-do- O'seas	202†	+2½	3.3	2.2	-
126	85	-do- Smlr	116	...	4.0	4.7	-
595	433	Law Debenture	593	...	...	4.0	31.1
171	133½	Majedie	171	...	...	2.7	33.1
240	176	Merchants	247	-2	10.6	5.8	-
4950	2437½	Merrill Lynch	4937½	-6½	...	...	...
440	296	Monks Inv Tst	432	-1	6.7	2.1	58.2
120	81	Morg Grnfl Inc	119	+1	...	5.2	23.6
32	13	Do Warrants	32	...	...	...	...
47	33	Murray Euro	46	...	0.1	0.5	-
11	4½	Do Wts	10	...	...	...	...
315	223	Murray Incme	308†	...	...	4.7	29.3
319	215	-do- Intl	314	-1	11.4	4.9	-
312	217	-do- Small	312	+1	4.0	1.7	62.3
109	89	-do- S/C Inc	100	...	...	14.1	9.7
88	54	-do- S/C Cap	98	...	...	...	...
3050	2250	-do- S/C Uts	2950	...	...	4.8	...
147½	113½	-do- S/C DP	143½	-1	...	...	...
260	180	-do- Vent	257½	...	10.3	5.3	20.3
71	44½	New Frontier	71	...	0.2	0.5	...
103	61	Nthrng Inc	85	...	6.7	10.8	11.7
283	187	O'seas Inv Tst	281	...	2.8	1.3	...
362	173	Pacific Assets	348	-2	1.1	0.4	-
264	80	Do Warrants	249	-3	...	...	...
8200	5700	Personal Assets	8000	...	...	2.6	49.0
116	82	RIT Cap Ptnr	117	...	...	1.3	51.0
125	96	River & Merc	121†	...	9.2	10.1	12.1
388	273	Robeco	388	...	...	3.5	...
378	268	Rolinco	375	...	...	2.2	...
239	194	St Andrew Inv	238	...	7.5	4.2	-
148½	108	Scot American	145	-½	4.3	4.0	35.7
945	429	Scot Asian	920	-8	...	...	...
73	49	-do- Eastern	71½	-½	1.5	2.9	-
201	147	Scottish	198	...	4.6	3.1	41.1
201	135	-do- Mtge	197	-1	3.9	2.5	40.4
79	48	-do- Value	79	...	...	3.0	56.3
1500	1066	Second Allnce	1500†	-3	36.5	3.2	40.3
84½	61	Secs Tst of Scot	84½	+½	3.2	5.1	28.2
129	78½	Selective Assets	129†	...	1.2	1.2	46.4
21½	9½	Sphere Inv	21¼	...	...	19.2	6.1
139	76	TR Far East	136	-7	4.5	4.4	29.8
140½	97½	TR City Of Lon	139	...	4.7	4.6	29.2
141	70	TR Pacific	132	...	0.3	0.4	-
22	14½	TR Property	27½	...	1.4	...	61.0
89	18	TR Tech Inv	84	...	1.7	3.6	31.7
170	96	TR Smlr Cos	168	-1	3.7	2.9	49.2
315	226	Temple Bar	306†	-2	13.2	5.8	20.1
90	51	Thmtn Asian E	87	-1	0.5	0.8	...
66	39	Throgmorton	60†	-1½	2.3	5.1	24.5
418	284	Thrng Dual Cp	473	...	...	...	...
195	137	USDC Invest	195	...	4.5	3.1	-
96	58½	Value Inc Tst	90	...	...	5.3	23.8
627	483	Whitbread Inv	574	...	15.0	3.5	38.1
195	139	Witan	193	+1½	5.6	3.9	33.8

LEISURE

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66½	2	Airbreak Leis	3½#	...	...	...	0.7
337	172	Airtours	333	-4	7.2	2.9	11.8
86	17	Ald Leis	49	-1	4.7	...	14.0
243	145	Anglia TV	230	+2	...	4.6	23.7
229	135	Barr & W 'A'	229	+12	10.0	5.8	11.4
1195	795	Boosey Hwks	1175	...	20.0	2.3	18.8
113	70	Border TV•	98	-1	...	3.7	12.8
16½	4	Brent Walker	11½	-½	...	...	...
15	2½	Buckingham Int	5½	+½	...	...	...
448	200	Campari	291	...	...	5.1	7.9
226	126	Capital Radio	196	...	5.2	3.6	22.8
818	468	Carlton Comm	786†	-3	17.0	2.9	23.2
223	130	Castle Comms•	198	-2	...	5.8	17.7
1825	1050	Central TV	1793	...	30.5	2.3	23.0
88	49	Chrysalis	73	...	...	...	...
605	405	Compass Gp	605	...	12.3	2.7	17.2
350	258	Eurocamp	259	-65	9.7	5.0	-
1693	673	Euro Disney	1088	-20	...	1.1	...
10	1	Euro Leisure	5	...	...	...	9.7
36	11	Ex-Lands	20	...	...	...	...
448	110	Fairline Boats	316	-8	10.5	4.4	...
355	239	First Leisure	349†	+2	6.1	2.4	24.1
515	250	GWR Gp•	500	...	...	1.9	25.7
181	91	Grampian	171	...	5.5	4.3	12.0
8	5	Greenwich Comm•	6	...	...	...	...
92	13	HTV Group	30	...	3.7	...	...
208	30	Hi-Tec Sports	46	-4	5.5	...	2.9
18½	2½	Kunick	8½	+½	...	...	...
338	220	LWT CP	334	...	5.9	2.4	16.3
380	260	Man Utd	380	...	18.0	6.3	13.1
147	44½	Owners Abrd	141†	+1½	3.5	3.3	11.3
44	19	The Pelican Gp	44	...	...	3.0	15.1
130	50	Prism Leisure•	121	...	...	3.0	13.8
61	17	Quadrant Grp	17	...	4.0	...	2.6
319	274	Radio Clyde•	312	...	...	3.6	24.4
177	135	Ramsdens (H)	135	...	...	4.4	-
502	202½	Scot TV	485	...	...	2.2	31.2
66	40	Southern Radio	50	...	0.7	2.1	20.8
209	125	Stanley Leisure	209	...	...	2.7	17.7
13	4	Sunleigh•	5½	...	...	...	...
195	135	Sunset & Vine	143	...	3.5	3.3	15.4
53	27	TSW	29#	...	...	22.7	3.7
44	3½	TVS	38	...	...	...	3.2
420	136	Tanjong	420	...	...	...	79.1
200	134	Thames TV	175	+3	7.5	5.7	5.0
10½	1	Ticketing•	2½	...	...	...	...
118	75	Tottenhm Hot	103	-4	...	...	3.3
78	38	Trans World•	75	...	...	1.4	-
321	154	Ulster TV	321	...	7.5	3.1	22.3
50	16	Wembley	17	-½	1.8	...	...
25	4½	Whitegate	22	...	...	...	...
191½	110	Yorkshire TV	140	+4	12.0	11.4	4.2
136	80	Zeners Gp	104	-1	8.0	10.3	10.5

MINING

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4112½	1800	Am Gold	2775	+1½	...	7.9	12.6
2237½	1000	Ang Am Coal	1287½	+12½	...	7.9	5.5
2275	1012½	Ang Am	1487½	-9½	...	5.1	9.3
18½	7½	Anglo Pac Res•	17	...	...	...	...
110	33	Blyvoors	65	+2	...	10.5	3.2
35	11	Bracken	23	...	...	...	1.2
566	208	Buffels	349	+17	...	12.9	7.6
4½	1½	Butte	1½	...	...	...	...
674	437	CRA	674	+13	...	3.1	-
38	9	Cluff Res	11	-½	...	...	...
1662½	581½	De Beers	1025	...	...	5.2	...
125	37½	Deelkraal	47	...	...	14.3	2.3
46	7	Doornfontein	13	...	...	...	...
750	388	Driefontein	528	-8	...	7.0	8.7
375	120	Durban	192	...	...	...	...
121	39	E Rand Gold	71	+6	...	16.2	2.1
154	62	E Dagga	84	+4	...	...	6.2
168	54	E Rand Prop	153	+5	...	...	...
470	117	Elandsrand	179	...	...	7.6	3.7
535	272	FS Cons	493	-5	...	10.8	5.0
32	7	FS Dev	11	-1	...	...	...
1491	606	GFSA	1013	+34	...	4.4	14.4
222	121	Gencor	144	+5	...	6.9	11.2
44	29½	GM Kalgoorli	42	...	...	3.3	10.3
16½	2	Greenwich R 'A'	14	-1	...	...	...
89	44	Grootvlei	61	...	...	19.3	-
368	78	Harmony	168	+4	...	...	...
281½	87	Hartles	140	...	...	...	4.8
14	5	Inoco•	10	...	...	...	...
820	486	Impala Plat	610	+9	...	...	12.4
8	2½	Kenmare Res•	7	...	...	...	...
795	292	Kinross	506	+16	...	11.1	5.0
624	293	Kloof	502	+12	...	3.9	7.7
60	21½	Leslie	40	...	...	11.7	3.6
71	12	Loraine	21	...	...	...	...
128	90½	MIM	110½	+½	...	2.1	50.6
955	559	Minorco	921	+8	...	4.1	10.9
114½	66	Nth Brkn Hill	113½	+½	...	4.4	-
1201	598	Orange Free	1075	+12½	...	13.0	8.6
704	469	RTZ	675	-13	19.5	3.9	28.9
1287½	375	Rand Mines	512½	...	...	12.6	2.1
230	75	Rand Min Prp	110	-8	...	17.0	4.8
334	136	Randfontein	244	-1	...	7.8	3.3
221	106	Renison	157	+6	...	2.9	15.3
1312½	812½	Rustnbrg	906½	+18½	...	5.6	12.0
410	183	St Helena	345	+4	...	7.7	-
1287½	475	Southvaal	775	...	...	8.3	12.0
60	17½	Stilfontein	45	...	...	16.4	-
183	43	Unisel	91	...	...	3.7	8.1
4000	1500	Vaal Reefs	2687½	+50	...	9.1	4.2
324	154	Welkom	284	...	...	12.7	7.9
99½	2½	Western Areas	44	...	...	...	...
2375	587½	Western Deep	1050	+21½	...	6.7	4.3
245	164	Wstrn Mining	245	+7	...	...	...
630	255	Winkels	471	-1	...	2.4	3.5
84	16	Zambia Copper	75	+3	...	...	...
45	18	Zandpan	22	...	...	...	6.2

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
400	228	Abbey Panels	233	...	...	...	...
125	90	Airflow Stream	123	...	0.1	0.1	18.5
123	56	Appleyard	105	-1	7.8	9.9	77.5
263	130	Bletchley Mtr	263	...	8.2	7.3	14.8
145	115	Bostrom	137	...	6.0	5.8	37.3
379	100	Br Aerospace	280†	...	7.0	3.3	...
378	308	Caffyns	323	...	11.5	4.7	43.0
9¼	3	Caverdale	9¼	+1½	...	...	...
139	95	Central Mtrs•	118	...	...	4.5	30.0
48	15½	Cook (DC)•	21	...	...	...	...
226	99	Cowie (T)	220	-2	6.2	3.9	-
133	75	Dag Motors	105	...	5.7	7.3	12.4
140	86	Davnprt Vern	140†	...	4.0	3.8	17.3
264	130	ERF	218	...	4.0	...	...
137	68	European Mtr	97	...	...	2.1	...
316	167	Evans Halshaw	268	...	11.2	5.6	25.0
290	163	FR Group	284	-1	6.6	3.1	13.6
3581½	1500	Ford Motor	3475	-6½	...	...	...
2875	1681¼	General Mtr	2787½	+6½	...	1.8	...
53	35	Gowrings	45	...	3.0	5.9	...
122	43	Henlys	122	-2	3.0	3.3	...
804	465	Honda Motor	804	+8	...	0.7	...
31	10	Jacks (Wm)	21	...	...	...	...
95	49	Jessups	82	...	4.5	7.3	...
225	68	Kwik-Fit	101	...	3.3	4.4	10.0
326	175	Lex Service	312	+1	10.0	4.3	...
128	74	Lookers	116	...	6.2	7.4	...
153	77	Lucas	143½	+1½	7.0	6.5	...
282	169	Pendragon	282	+11	6.0	2.8	25.2
175	103	Perry Gp	151	...	9.0	7.9	27.0
145	56	Quicks Group	145	...	3.0	2.8	26.8
176	89	Rolls-Royce	131½	+2½	5.0	5.2	...
160	99	Vardy (Reg)	135	...	4.0	4.0	20.6
170	93	Westland	170	+1	4.2	3.3	15.0

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	73	Adscene	133†	-4	4.0	4.0	14.2
390	315	Black (A&C)	325	...	13.0	5.3	19.4
598	398	Blenheim Gp	593	+3	9.0	2.0	22.2
330	248	Bristol	280	...	11.5	5.5	20.8
8300	5900	Daily Mail	8100	+25	13.0	2.1	18.2
8300	5800	Daily Mail 'A'	8125	+50	13.0	2.1	18.3
301	193	Dorling Kind	300	...	...	1.3	28.7
365	224½	EMAP	337	-2	...	3.0	21.9
983	533	Euromoney Pb	943	...	29.5	4.2	21.2
237	125	Harrington K	224	...	4.5	2.7	-
358	155	Haynes Pub	318	...	6.0	2.5	13.5
247½	140	Headline	246	+1	10.0	1.6	27.3
183	105	Home Counts	140	...	8.2	7.9	26.4
6½	2	Intl Bus Comm	4½	...	...	...	...
14½	6½	Int Cm & Data•	7½	...	...	...	...
430	285	Independent	423	...	...	4.5	15.2
508	289	Johnston Press	508	+5	5.5	1.4	24.0
288	186	Metal Bulletn	287	...	8.0	3.8	-
125	49	Mirror Gp	102	-2	...	...	9.7
388	127½	News Corp	363	+1	...	0.3	24.4
764	258	News Intl	743	...	3.9	0.7	12.8
459½	297	Pearson	390	-4	...	4.0	18.3
640	340	Portsmth Sund	640	...	8.6	1.8	16.5
682	447	Reed Int	646	-2	16.0	3.3	21.4
138	61	Southnews	138	...	...	1.4	40.2
130	20	Sterling Pubs•	124	-2	...	2.7	40.7
368	274	Telegraph	357	-3	11.0	4.4	-
815	565	Thomson Corp	755	...	25.2	4.5	12.8
347	222	Trinity Intl	314	-1	...	3.6	18.5
62	29	Unit Groups•	34	...	...	...	...
547	323	Utd Nwspprs	547	+4	21.0	5.1	18.8

OILS, GAS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18½	6	Aberdeen Pet•	15½	-½	...	...	-
29½	11½	Aran Energy	26	-1	...	...	...
68	23	Arcon Intl•	43	...	...	...	...
53	27	Aus Oil & Gas	50	+½	...	...	...
290	20	Aviva Pet	50	...	...	...	...
48	8	Beverley	10	...	0.6	...	...
195	105	Br Borneo	181	...	7.1	5.2	19.0
311	223	British Gas	310	+1	...	6.3	13.5
304	182	Br Petroleum	286	-2	...	4.9	35.9
4½	1	Buda Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
741	460	Burmah Castl	719	-7	24.0	4.5	16.5
75	21	Cairn Energy	47	...	...	...	...
253	164	Calor Gp	248	-2	12.0	6.5	16.3
80	20	Clyde Pet	59	+1	1.2	...	-
16½	10¼	Edin Oil & Gas•	13¼	...	...	...	...
509	297	Enterprise	497	-10	...	4.4	37.3
103	25	Exp Co Louis	68	...	...	...	...
28½	14½	Fairhaven Intl	24	...	...	1.1	8.9
69	34	Goal Pet	64	...	1.2	2.6	12.1
31	5	Gt Western Res	25	...	...	...	...
149	77	Hardy O & G	148	...	1.0	0.9	46.5
28	7½	Ech Energy	28	...	...	...	...
263	112	LASMO	182	-5	8.5	6.2	23.5
163	63	-do- Units	94	...	15.0	21.3	...
51	11	Mid Scot Res•	20	...	...	...	...
42½	27	Monument	42½	...	...	...	44.5
18½	5	New London	9	...	...	...	...
39½	17	Nth Sea Assets	28	...	0.7	3.6	7.3
37	25	Oil Search	32	+1	...	...	...
14½	8	Perrox	14½	...	...	...	...
110	57	Pict Pet	110	...	...	...	15.3
31	10	Premier	27½	...	...	...	12.3
198	40	Presidio	75	...	...	8.4	...
430	308	Ranger	358	...	...	4.9	...
6000	4162½	Royal Dtch Fl	6000	...	...	5.4	-
4312½	3025	Schlumberger	4075	-62½	...	2.0	...
61	41	Seafield	61	...	...	...	...
605	435	Shell	581†	+1	21.9	5.0	-
206	110	Sunrise Eng Sv	197	-1	...	...	...
19	7½	Teredo•	9	...	...	...	...
82	26	Triton Europe	31	...	...	...	7.0
10	6½	Villiers Grp	7½	...	...	...	...
172	131	Woodside	165	+2	...	2.2	...

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1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
303	103	API	303	+1	7.5	3.3	26.4
250	127½	Arjo Wiggins	175	-5	8.3	...	14.2
460	365	Abbott Mead	460	+5	8.4	2.4	23.1
3	¼	Assis Group	1½	...	...	...	...
128	13	Aegis Gp	14½	...	5.8	...	4.9
212	105	Aspen Comms•	196	...	...	3.3	26.9
13	7	BBB Design•	9½	...	...	...	...
341	180	Berisford	333	...	11.7	4.7	17.0
60	16	Birdale	17	...	0.2	1.6	14.4
139	80	Bunzl	128	+2	4.0	4.2	29.9
267	147	CIA Gp	266	...	...	1.9	17.6
51	36	City of Lon•	50	...	...	9.1	10.5
214	135	Cropper (James)	214	...	3.0	2.0	23.0
41	6	Crown Comm•	6#	...	...	...	...
77	30	Delyn Pckaging	63	...	1.4	3.1	12.5
149	78	Dolphin Pack	106	...	4.5	5.7	14.1
74½	42	Dudley Jenkins•	50	-5	...	...	12.9
15	6½	Elswick	12½	...	0.2	...	10.5
68	38	Fairway Group•	55†	...	...	7.6	16.2
293	211	Ferguson Intl	292	-1	12.5	5.7	16.8
140	65	Ferry Pick	105	...	7.5	9.7	-
108	25	Filofax•	98	...	...	0.5	24.5
48	6	Fitch	16	...	...	...	1.8
71	47	Gibbon Lyons•	69	...	...	9.7	13.5
295	185½	Gold Greenless	280†	+4	...	4.0	22.7
53	20	Goodhead	23	+2	0.5	2.9	...
160	32½	Hunterprint	80	...	...	...	...
190	138	Interupe	138	...	7.4	7.3	9.0
220	123	Jarvis Porter	220	+3	4.4	2.7	24.0
50	13	Lopex	35	...	...	...	14.6
263	133	More O'Ferrall	229	-1	13.2	7.7	14.2
78	27	NMC Group	66	-1	1.3	...	13.0
86	58	Osborne & Little	64	+3	4.3	6.9	10.6
189	132	Quarto	180	...	5.2	5.1	9.5
343	231	St Ives Gp	339	...	5.2	2.1	23.1
245	115	Saatchi	183	...	...	...	...
754	381	Sappi	418	+7	...	9.3	7.8
19½	1½	Serif•	16½	+½	...	...	...
45	3	Shandwick	24	...	...	...	...
351	233	Smith David	316	-2	9.5	4.0	14.0
335	210	Smurfit (Jeff)	274	-3	...	0.5	9.4
263	171	Sun-Plus	235	-5	3.0	4.6	-
21½	10½	Taylor Nelson	20	-½	...	1.0	42.1
65	37	VTR•	51	...	...	8.9	14.5
115	31	WPP	70	+10	1.0	2.2	...
195	48	Wace	69	-1	6.2	15.9	7.6
221	158	Waddington (J)	210	-1	7.9	5.0	15.9
603	391	Watmough	603	...	10.5	2.3	26.3
6½	1½	Westport•	5¼	...	...	...	22.6
30	12	Whitney Mck•	16	...	...	...	...
75	51	Wood (SW)	63	...	0.2	0.5	...

PROPERTY

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
86	28	Allied Lon	59	...	3.5	8.0	50.9
70	55	Arcadian	61	...	...	...	...
73	34	Asda	60	...	2.0	4.4	21.4
141	64	Avonside	99	...	...	7.8	8.0
2637½	1897½	BCE•	2575	...	...	...	...
490	268	Bilton	488	+2	18.0	4.9	17.6
45	23	Bourne End	25	...	1.0	5.3	...
188	108	Bradford	164	-1	4.4	3.6	14.9
36	11	Bredero	19	...	...	...	1.8
275	110	Br Land	252	+2	6.3	3.4	23.5
192	108	Brixton	188	+1	8.1	5.7	14.3
57	44	Burford	52	...	0.9	2.4	27.2
133	88	Cap & Regnl•	133	...	...	1.0	...
200	75	Cardiff Prop	125	+5	2.4	2.6	...
433	103	Chesterfield	225	...	18.5	...	15.9
80	9	City Site Ests	31	+2	1.4	...	...
40	8	Clarke Nickolls	16	...	0.3	...	3.9
32	8	Clayform	12	...	...	...	...
953	785	Daejan	950	...	25.0	3.5	14.8
4½	¼	Dares Estates	1½	...	...	...	...
82	30	Debenham Twsn	82	...	2.5	4.1	29.8
12	1	De Morgan	7	...	...	...	...
135	76	Dencora	88	...	5.5	8.3	...
540	263	Derwent Hldgs	333	+5	8.6	3.4	39.4
250	170	Estates Agency	210	...	3.0	1.9	19.3
98	6	Estates Gen	14	...	3.7	...	4.4
143	100	Evans Of Leeds	140	+1	4.1	4.0	13.4
31	11	Five Oaks	19	...	...	...	...
55	28	Fletcher King	51	+1	1.0	2.6	36.9
349	188	Frogmore	349	...	15.0	5.7	18.2
125	51	Grainger	122	+1	5.2	5.7	27.3
182	84	Gt Portland	199	+5	10.0	8.4	15.8
114	6½	Greycoat	10½	...	5.2	...	...
129	63	HK Land	125	-1	...	4.1	21.0
49	19	Hambro Cntyw	47	...	...	...	...
588	180	Hammerson	371	+3	10.0	3.6	10.5
503	165	-do- 'A'	339	+3	10.0	3.9	16.3
150	69	Helical Bar	148	+5	4.0	3.6	...
30	19	Hemingway	19	...	...	...	...
175	83	Herring Baker	86	-1	7.0	10.9	...
225	133	Jermyn	133	...	1.5	1.5	...
504	343	Land Sec	497	-2	21.7	5.8	15.1
84	62	Lon Merch Sec	84	+½	3.8	6.0	13.4
3½	1½	Lon & Metro	3½	...	...	...	...
411	196	MEPC	384	+5	20.0	6.9	16.1
6½	3	McInerney A	6½	...	...	...	...
145	76	McKay Secs	104	...	6.7	...	17.1
20	3	Markheath	7	+2	0.5	...	...
133	8	Merivale Mre	25½	...	1.0	5.2	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5#	...	...	...	...
46	27	Moorfield Est	32	-1	...	0.4	...
1075	580	Mountview	800	...	18.0	3.0	8.2
9	2½	Mowat•	7¼#	...	...	...	...
139	101	Mucklow (A&J)	137	...	5.9	5.9	18.8
117	30	Olive Hldgs	31	...	9.0	...	4.7
250	3½	Osory Est	9½	+½	0.1	2.2	2.7
201	83	Peel	195	-1	3.0	2.1	...
103	8	Power Corp	9	...	...	...	1.0
114	54	Prop Security	114	+6	3.7	4.4	22.7
122½	14½	Property Trust	33	...	...	...	...
4½	1½	Raglan	2	...	...	...	...
68	1½	Regalian	14	...	1.5	14.3	2.8
18	3½	Rosehaugh	7#	...	...	...	...
175	125	Rowlinson Secs	125	...	1.3	1.4	26.6
27	12	St Modwen Prp	27†	+2	0.6	3.0	20.6
51	21	Savills	51	...	...	...	...
72	18	Scot Met	55	...	1.5	3.6	...
68	39	Shaftesbury	68	...	...	...	...
12½	2	Shield	10	...	...	...	...
36	11	Sinclair Gldsm	35#	...	0.5	1.9	...
248	83	Slough Estates	190	-1	8.2	5.7	10.8
78	36	Southend Prop	59	+1	4.1	9.4	29.8
20½	2½	Speyhawk	9	...	...	...	...
40	9	Stanhope Prps•	19½	...	...	...	...
171	105	Tops Ests	144	...	2.0	1.9	36.5
112	58	Town Centre	93	+1	3.1	4.4	18.1
82	35	Trafford Park	59	...	2.5	5.8	15.9
35	7	UK Land	17	...	...	...	...
9	4	Union Square	9	+3½	...	...	...
217	119	Warner	190†	...	10.5	7.4	17.4
245	168	Warnford	180†	+5	7.2	5.4	12.5
8	1	Waterglade	6½	...	...	...	...
91	23	Wates	41	+2	0.7	2.5	...
44	17	Wood John Dv	43	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28	9	Automagic•	12	...	...	...	...
103	42	Headlam	103	...	2.4	3.1	40.8
500	265	Lambert	475	...	12.5	3.5	12.4
111	63	Pittard Garnar	93	...	1.5	2.2	12.3
41	18	Strong & Fisher	22	...	1.0	6.3	5.8
190	88	Stylo	126	...	2.5	2.6	...

TEXTILES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
485	362	Allied Text	483	...	12.6	3.5	-
73	47	Beckman (A)	61	...	4.7	10.4	12.1
52	21	Bolton Gp	23	...	...	...	11.7
164	138	Br Mohair	160	-1	8.5	7.1	12.6
119	30	Celestion	117	-1	1.2	1.4	...
41	15	Charwell•	20	...	0.4	2.7	...
340	186½	Claremont Ga	340	+3	...	1.5	23.4
601	364	Courtauld Text	594	-5	13.6	3.1	-
248½	160	Dawson	237	+1	9.0	5.1	23.1
59	17	Drummond	24	...	1.5	...	7.7
60	17½	Dunkeld	31	...	...	...	-
73	60	Faupel•	72	...	...	9.1	7.1
68	24	Foster (John)	28	-1	0.5	2.3	...
142	84	Gaskell	85	...	8.5	...	...
186	99	Hicking Pntcst	171	...	3.4	2.7	14.5
73	38	Jerome (S)	49	+1	1.0	...	...
389	215	Lamont	316	...	...	5.1	15.5
419	205½	Leeds	419	...	...	2.3	20.2
42	15	Lister	40	-1	0.1	0.3	...
122	81	Lyles (S)	116	...	4.9	5.6	13.2
94	53	Parkland 'A'	93	+1	2.0	2.9	...
95½	63	Readicut	94	...	3.4	4.9	18.7
71	30	SEET	45	...	...	...	...
94	67	Sirdar	92	...	5.1	7.6	15.9
55	29	Stirling Gp	54	...	1.6	4.1	22.4
59	31	Stoddard	48	-1	2.6	7.3	12.8
312	198	Tomkinsons	309	...	11.5	5.0	26.7
62½	30	West Trust	53	...	...	...	...
356	160	Yorklyde	345	+5	9.7	3.8	16.1

TOBACCOS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1010	608	BAT	961	-6	...	5.3	20.3
670	480	Rothmans 'B'	655	-3	10.2	2.1	15.0

TRANSPORT

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
440	211	Assoc Br Ports	403	-2	6.5	2.8	...
816	531	BAA	800	+7	14.5	2.4	14.1
315	219	Br Airways	297	+½	10.1	4.6	7.9
182	45	Clarkson (H)	75	...	8.0	...	3.5
101	11	Davies Newman	23#	...	...	...	...
515	293	Eurotunnel Uts	485	-1	...	...	...
88	44	Fisher (James)	49	...	5.5	...	13.7
140	70	Graig	133	...	4.5	4.4	...
203	147	IoM Steam	156	...	...	6.4	7.5
39	22	Jacobs (JI)	30	...	1.9	8.4	17.9
60	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	67	-2	1.2	2.5	4.1
2125	1237½	Manchstr Sh	2125	+37½	4.5	0.3	11.6
343	190	Mersey Docks	343	...	7.5	3.0	-
210	168	Nat Express	197	...	...	4.8	13.0
290	216	NFC	256	-4	6.5	3.4	19.3
357	170	Ocean Group	295	...	14.3	6.5	13.3
63	31	Ocean Wilson	53	...	...	6.7	11.8
594	299½	P & O Dfd	575	-8	30.5	7.1	20.1
156	97	P & O 5 1/2%	133	...	...	5.5	...
528	267	Powell Duffryn	527	-2	22.6	5.7	21.1
138	96	Seacon•	119	-1	...	5.7	7.5
59	23½	TIP Europe	29½	...	1.4	6.3	7.2
87	24	TNT	40	+2½	...	...	...
745	499½	Tibbet & Britten	730	...	...	3.0	29.2
478	214	Tiphook	374	-1	17.3	6.2	7.4
307	208	TDG	276	-7	9.5	4.7	-

WATER

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
536	308½	Anglian Water	534	+6	19.3	4.8	4.7
630	336	Northumbrian	619	-1	20.5	4.4	6.4
524	323	North West	517	+6	19.6	5.1	9.1
515	298	Severn Trent	513	+9	19.3	5.0	7.5
531	301	Sthrn Water	527	+8	19.5	4.9	9.3
1300	670	Sth Staffs	1285	...	40.2	4.2	8.3
555	306	South West	555	+9	21.7	5.2	8.4
544	324	Thames Water	544	+7	19.2	4.7	10.3
591	337	Welsh Water	590	+6	21.4	4.8	6.8
635	359½	Wessex Water	635	+7	...	4.1	8.6
575	336	Yorkshire W	575	+7	19.5	4.5	9.4

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INFOTECH

Surviving computer fever

Choosing a computer for domestic use and for school homework can turn parents into nervous wrecks. David Hewson gives a few basic tips

One of the lesser pleasures of buying a personal computer is finding that others assume that this simple act has turned you into an unpaid information technology consultant. Colleagues bustle up and ask, in a tone that brooks no prevarication: "You know about computers. I'm thinking of buying one, for us and the children. What should I get?"

In my experience, single people and childless couples are far less likely to seek advice. For one thing, they usually have enough money to lash out on a computer without worrying too much about whether it is absolutely perfect for the job.

More importantly, they do not have to consider the unpredictable and occasionally debilitating effect of the only known human virus to infect modern information technology: children.

Left to their own devices, parents would buy whatever kind of machine they use at work. Children, however, have a warped sense of technology, and do their best to pass it on to the rest of the family.

Parents invariably insist that whatever machine they buy must be good for "education and games" because they suspect that their young will not take the former without the latter. They think that owning a machine at home to match the computer at school will enable them to give their offspring that much sought-after thing, "a head start" — even if it is only at level 33 of "The Mario Brothers Meet the Terminator".

Unfortunately, in the 1980s, the government muddied the waters by handing most of the schools' computing market to the Acorn company, mainly because it was British (although it is now owned by Olivetti of Italy). Acorn made the BBC computer series, which was all the rage in the early 1980s, and followed it with the Archimedes. The company's products account for more than half the computers in primary schools and secondary schools — just as well, since you are not likely to find them in many other places.

The latest Archimedes machines are advanced, but employ only their own language. You cannot use either of the two common industry software families — those that are IBM-compatible or those of the Apple Macintosh — on an ordinary Archimedes. You can turn it into a personal computer by plugging in an extra board, but because this costs about as much as a PC itself, why bother?

So most British schoolchildren learn to use computers on machines and software that they will never see once they have left secondary education.

> 'Children are the only known human virus to infect information technology'

Acorn users probably think this does not matter, and there is a market in home Archimedes machines. But as the mainstream computer market consolidates around the two standards of PCs — either the Macintosh or something that will run Windows software — is there any point in trying to buck the trend?

One teacher who thinks not is Alan Enfield, the information technology co-ordinator for Senacre Technological School, a grant-maintained secondary school in Maidstone, Kent, which has about 100 PCs for its 1,000 students. Senacre uses Nimbus computers, which run Microsoft Windows and industry-standard programs such as Microsoft Word, Excel, Corel Draw and PageMaker. Mr Enfield considers that schools computing has changed dramatically. "In the past", he says, "having a machine such as the BBC was not a problem because in class we had to teach computers and we used them for programming in Basic, which was available on a wide range of machines. However, over the past five years, the emphasis has changed. We are no longer producing computer programmers; we are training computer users."

The shift in emphasis is mirrored by the education department's own findings in a survey carried out last year, which found that by far the most popular activity on secondary school PCs is word-processing. Just as in most offices, PCs have progressed from classroom curiosities covered in lines of impenetrable code to everyday working tools. According to Mr Enfield, the best choice for parents would be a Windows-compatible PC, which could run all the programs used at the school. The same programs can also be run, with minor differences, on an Apple Macintosh.

Apple's prices, which were once extortionate, have been cut; basic monochrome systems turn up in some shops for less than £400. If you are planning to add facilities such as external devices, an Apple may turn out to be the cheaper option, since it comes with a lot of facilities, for sound and networking, and built-in sockets for extra bits of equipment. You may have to pay a few hundred pounds extra to get the equivalent features on the average PC.

The bad news is that Apple has introduced so many machines in recent years that keeping track of what is, and is not, a current model can be difficult. Some of the cheaper ones offer little chance of upgrading.

Perhaps most important of all, the Macintosh standard remains very much a minority partner in most businesses, except in the graphics and publishing areas, where it is dominant. Many mainstream office packages now work almost identically on the Macintosh and within Windows, but there is still a greater choice of software for the PC.

Buying a Mac is simple; buying a PC is complex. There is little point these days in picking a machine that cannot run Windows. This is increasingly the industry standard, and is popular at schools that have PCs. Windows cannot be used on any PC with a slower processor than a 386, and you will need at least four megabytes of memory and a hard disc of 60 megabytes if you want to run a good selection of applications, as against two megabytes of memory and 40 megabytes of hard disc on the Macintosh. For games and multimedia CD-roms, you may also need an extra sound card and speakers, which start at about £75.

You can shun the Windows option on a cheaper machine still limited to the DOS operating system, but you will be restricting yourself to a limited field of software.

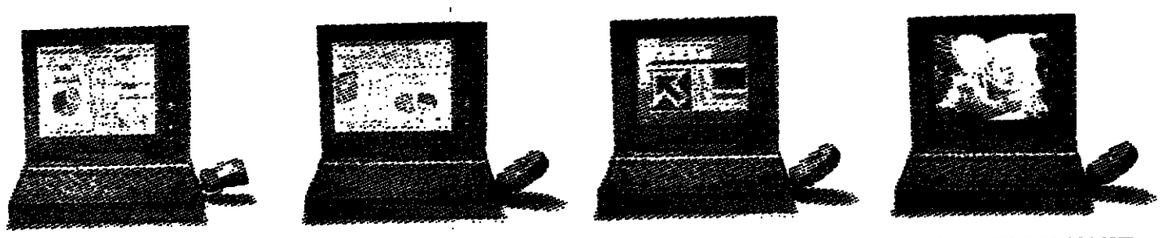
Whatever you choose, make sure that when the computer arrives you let friends and colleagues know all about your new-found expertise. The least you can do is to help take the strain off the rest of us.

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Price cuts could spur board games

Computer downsizing is very popular among company executives, but IT departments may prefer to think big



Despite protests by manufacturers that profits on personal computers can go no lower, a new price war began this week, as some of the leading companies announced price cuts of up to 20 per cent.

Compaq, IBM, Unisys and NCR have announced reductions in America on some PCs and printers, particularly older models based on the 386 processor. IBM's reductions followed Compaq's, as part of an IBM policy that the company will respond to rivals' price cuts within 48 hours to remain competitive.

European price reductions may follow, although the devaluation of the pound last year means that savings in the British market may be smaller. On the other hand, customers are realising that there is little to stop them from buying direct from the United States.

The problem for customers is — as always — which model of PC to buy, as manufacturers change their wares frequently, and launch many different versions of their new products, in the hope that they will come closer to the specific requirements of a potential customer. On Tuesday, for example, ICL announced 50 new PCs, portables and other related products. It may be a successful strategy. Dell Computer, which has just reported that both turnover and profit doubled in its last financial year, introduced 49 new PC systems during the same period.

The new price war is also likely to increase interest in "downsizing" — replacing large computers by smaller ones, particularly using personal computers and networks in place of minicomputers or mainframes.

This week Novell, which dominates the market for PC networks, announced the latest version of its Netware operating system. Prices range from £1,000 for a network for up to five users, to £32,000 for a thousand users.

Downsizing has been taken to heart by many senior executives, and the reason is clear: whatever else may be involved, the central objective is to cut costs.

"Organisations no longer seek to turn technological overcapacity into productive output, particularly during periods of economic decline," says Dr John Perkins, the divisional director of membership for the National Computing Centre. "Instead, they begin to look for ways of reducing the cost of technology while maintaining output."

A survey of NCC members, representing around 580 medium and big computer installations found that about two-thirds have considered

> The attraction of downsizing is the promise of savings

downsizing, or will within two years. Ninety-four per cent cited cost savings and efficiency as the main benefit.

"Undoubtedly networked PCs offer the best ratios of price to performance," says Dr Perkins. "The consensus at present is that single databases of up to 500 megabytes can be satisfactorily handled by PC based systems."

Dr Perkins cites the case of the asset-management company EBC Amro, which in 1990 replaced five minicomputers with a network of 40 PCs and workstations based on three PC file-servers. The change is said to have saved the company more than £250,000 a year.

But there are limitations. Only a quarter of those considering downsizing believe it appropriate for all their applications, the NCC survey found, while for companies with fewer than 200 users, wholesale downsizing would probably be necessary before significant cost reductions could be achieved.

Costs savings must be carefully worked out, warns Dr Perkins, not least the costs of training involved in downsizing.

And the single most important factor may be corporate culture. "Decentralising and distributing IT systems is unlikely to be the best form of cost-saving in organisations which are hierarchical and centralised, for the simple reason that such organisations are not arranged to benefit from downsizing," says Dr Perkins.

"The likelihood is that service levels will deteriorate and cost savings will disappear in a flood of corrective measures designed to remedy an irremediable situation."

But for some organisations, taking the advice of the IT department is not the best way to decide whether downsizing will be worthwhile.

As Dr Perkins points out, many computing and IT departments have strong preferences for manufacturers that produce large computer systems and have far higher profit margins than those in the PC market.

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If simulations are accepted in court after plane crashes, will lawyers be economical with the data? **Nick Nuttall** reports

A jumbo's dying moments relived

British court cases, aimed at deciding who or what caused an airline crash, could soon become a battle of rival simulator technologies designed to sway juries.

In America, lawyers are already turning to high-definition moving graphics and sound recordings of aircraft's final minutes to prove guilt or defend clients in airline crash cases. It may be only a matter of time before lawyers attempt to use them in British courts.

The simulators can be programmed with all the available data from a crash, including wind speeds, weather conditions, the status of the instruments and the captain's reactions. Recordings of a crew's last words to each other and with the control tower can also be integrated with the simulation. Images can be programmed with data directly from the plane's black box (or flight-data recorder) to allow the court to see a crash from every angle.

A mechanical failure or a sudden gust of wind, which can happen in seconds, can be simulated in slow motion so that the results can be fully observed.

One of the first occasions on which this type of simulation was used by rival lawyers came in the aftermath of the crash of a Lockheed 1011 TriStar in 1985. Delta Airlines flight 191 crashed in Texas, killing 136 people, following what is known as a "microburst encounter" or windshear, as the plane was preparing to land.

The case led to lengthy litigation. Claims were made that the accident was the fault of the air-traffic controllers because they had failed to warn the crew of the hazardous weather conditions. Rival claims pointed the blame at the crew.

Adler, Kaplan & Begy, a reputable Chicago-based firm of lawyers, was retained by the American government to defend the air-traffic controllers. It in turn employed a firm called Z-Axis, of Denver, Colorado, to mix complicated data from various sources and to generate a three-dimensional simulation of the accident. Delta also turned to computer graphics to try to exonerate the flight crew.

After a 14-month case, the district court found that while the controllers were negligent, the principal blame lay with the crew. "Our graphics presented a compelling picture, showing that the crew erred both by failing to recognise numerous clues to an impending microburst and by improper flight technique," Roy Krieger, a member of the Chicago legal firm, told *Aerospace*, the Royal Aeronautical Society's magazine.

> 'Video graphics may be the ultimate expression of testimony'

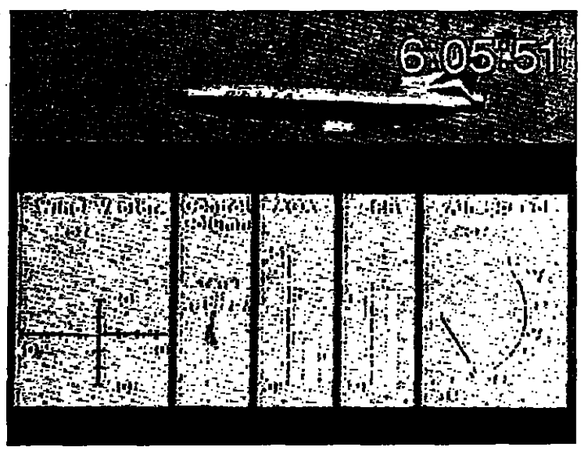
Mr Krieger says computer graphics are now one of the most important tools in aircraft-accident investigations and litigation.

More recently, such programs were used after the crash of Northwest Airlines flight 255 in Detroit, when the crew failed to deploy flaps, and after the demise of a Continental jet, which crashed during a snowstorm in Denver.

Mr Krieger says such techniques are also being used in the preliminary legal case concerning the crash two years ago of a USAir jet, which landed on top of a commuter plane at Los Angeles. "The Delta case was merely the beginning," he says. "If a picture is truly worth a thousand words, video graphics may be the ultimate expression of testimony. Their role in such cases is clear. What the judge and jury can see, they can believe."



The wreckage of Delta TriStar flight 191, Texas 1985, and, below, a simulation of the situation three seconds before impact



But some British experts are worried that simulation technology could easily mislead a jury. Captain Paddy Carver, principal training inspector with the Civil Aviation Authority and an expert on the validation of flight simulators, says: "The technology can 'sell' a point of view much better than can a long list of facts. It may help to clarify a complicated technical case to a jury, but it could also be extremely deceptive. The technology could be used to manipulate a jury or someone trying to piece together the real reasons for the accident."

His views are echoed by Ken Smart, chief inspector of the UK Air Accidents investigation branch. "There is apparently no end in sight to the sophistication which can be achieved in computer graphics," he told a recent conference held at the Royal Aeronautical Society in London. "I can see this becoming a battle of visual aids with the direct evidence in danger of being submerged beneath some very powerful computer-graphics representations."

The details and the need for decisions about what to portray in such simulations are likely to increase as airlines are required to fit more and more complicated flight recorders. Most log only four variables — altitude, air speed, heading and acceleration — but modern models can record up to 64 different factors.

Critics fear that the more that information is made available, the greater the temptation will be to smooth over facts that undermine clarity of simulation, but which, in reality, may be vital for unravelling or representing in court the true cause of the accident.

Mr Smart also cites the case of the recent Lauda Air Boeing 767 crash in Thailand, where reverse thrust of the engines was suspected. Hastily made simulations indicated that the crew probably had enough time to control the aircraft.

Only when this simulation was checked did one simulation include another factor, the effect of the exhaust plume on the airflow at the time of the event. This produced a very different scenario, in which the plane plunged out of control much faster and was probably beyond the control of the crew. If an incomplete simulation had been used in a court case, the outcome in terms of liability could have been very different, experts say.

Other experts are also worried that less scrupulous members of the legal profession might hide facts or prevent them being entered into the simulation program. Mr Krieger rejects such fears. He claims lawyers caught using simulations that were deliberately economical with the data would soon suffer permanent professional damage.

ONLINE

IBM payout to the US

SINCE its admission that it inadvertently sold the United States government reconditioned or remanufactured devices instead of new equipment, IBM has agreed to pay compensation of $14.8 million (about £10.6 million).

"IBM delivered approximately 15,000 reconditioned or remanufactured machines to the government between 1980 and 1990," said Jay Stephens, US Attorney for the District of Columbia.

Mr Stephens emphasises that the authorities did not uncover "any evidence of a corporate scheme to sell defective products or inferior goods".

M25 mobile

BRITAIN'S first personal communications network — initially for business use — will start this summer in an area bounded by the M25. Mercury will call the new mobile phone service One-2-One.

Calls made to the service, rather than from it, will cost about half that of the two existing cellular services.

Video dialling

NORWICH Union is to be the first company to test a new personal computer from BT and Olivetti that incorporates a videophone.

The PCs will be installed in offices in London and Norwich and provide a video conferencing link over ISDN telphone lines. The system will also allow users at both locations to work on the same computer file and to see at each end what the other is doing.

Super CD

A SINGLE compact disc with information on more than 400,000 organisations is being produced by Lotus Development. The disc, Market Power, can be searched by criteria such as company size and business activity.

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Floating Trip

TRIP HAWKINS, the Californian entrepeneur, is planning to float his latest project — a company developing a sophisticated home entertainment system — on the stock market.

The 3DO company, based in San Mateo, is developing technology for an interactive device to play software-based computer games as well as music CDs, photo CDs and VHS-quality motion videos. The system, expected this autumn, will sell for about £500.

A perfect memory in your grasp

A hand-held scanner cuts note taking

The hand-held personal computer scanner may finally come into its own as a instrument of personal research. No longer will scholarsle forced to sit in the quiet corers of libraries scribbling don huge volumes of notes.

hen combined with an optical character-recognition package, a hand-held scanner allows text to be copied into a personal computer from books, magazines, technical articles or other printed materials, and so turned into a word-processing document, containing the contents of the scanned pages. They can then be edited in the usual way.

Scanners can also be used to make electronic copies of diagrams, pictures and illustrations. A difficulty in using this technology has been in finding scanners that will operate with portable computers, which would be ideal for scanning documents in libraries or in other situations where they cannot easily be brought to a user's desktop.

Most scanners need add-on circuit boards to connect computer and scanner, and cannot be easily affixed to the kinds of battery-operated laptop computer that researchers might want to carry around.

Now, however, several manufacturers are offering special portable scanners which connect to the parallel printer port of any IBM-compatible portable.

Typical of these is a new offering from Texas-based Nisca. Not only will it run on batteries, but the 400-dot-per-inch scanner can be plugged into any standard parallel port, eliminating the need for any extra circuit board.

This particular scanner sells for £600, but competition among portable scanner makers is hotting up and prices may be expected to fall quickly.

One problem is that this scanner has to be fed a sheet at a time. This means that those who want to scan from books must first photocopy the relevant pages, then feed in the copies.

Low-cost hand-scanners usually offer resolution of 200 dots an inch, but much greater resolution is possible for those willing to pay more money. Prices range from between £100 and £200.

Scanners have been showing marked improvements over the past few years. The manufacturer Logitech, for example, has made a name for itself with its Scanman 256 hand-scanner, which can scan images into a PC in 256 colours — or shades of grey if colour is not needed.

For those needing more quality, the answer is a proper flat-bed scanner, at £500 to £1,000. This will scan full A4 pages in one go, have better image resolution than a hand-scanner and offer greater precision.

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Why do computing experts often find their careers hampered by misunderstanding?

David Guest figures a way up the ladder

Computer managers are finding their promotion prospects jeopardised by incomprehension of their role. Evidence is growing that the gap in understanding between company directors and their senior information technology managers is as wide as ever.

Information technology (IT) used to be undervalued and misunderstood at board level. Now its importance is appreciated, but the misunderstanding continues. The two groups seem unaware of one another's views and, says one survey, even unaware of each other.

One research group found that although networks were often discussed at board meetings, there was great disagreement over whether they were giving value. Half the directors interviewed thought not: 81 per cent of network managers disagreed. But perhaps agreement on the point would have been more surprising, because an astonishing proportion of directors — more than half — appeared unaware that their companies employed network managers at all.

Such awareness would not help in itself, since an earlier survey by the same company, 3Com, a communications specialist, found that although 90 of the 101 network managers interviewed considered their network costs too high, more than a third admitted that they had no real idea what the figures were.

In the late 1980s, it was widely said that too few IT managers had been appointed to the boards of their companies. Now, that view is seen in some quarters as an argument for tokenism.

The Institute of Directors, for one, rejects the view. "We do not think company boards are moving in that direction to any great extent and we do not believe it is the way to go," says the IoD's Gordon Leak. "Businesses need people who understand the business. Beyond that it is difficult to generalise. It depends so much on the size and nature of the business. You need an understanding of the role of IT in the business. In areas like retailing and banking, computing has become paramount."

The Institute of Data Processing Management maintains that senior IT professionals are perfectly placed to make valuable boardroom contributions. "An IT base gives you an ideal view across the whole company if you are doing the job well," says Ian Rickwood, the institute's chief executive. On the board you will join discussions with a different perspective."

Mr Rickwood claims that the IT profession is gaining recognition in boardrooms. "We have IT directorships — corporate board members with corporate responsibilities," he says. But he admits that in the 1970s and early 1980s, technically adept data-processing managers alienated senior colleagues by establishing computing as an exclusive preserve within companies, and that this prompted a backlash.

Now, he says, IT managers should aim to be primarily business people. IT managers, he says, should "lose the technical image and involve themselves in the company's corporate affairs".

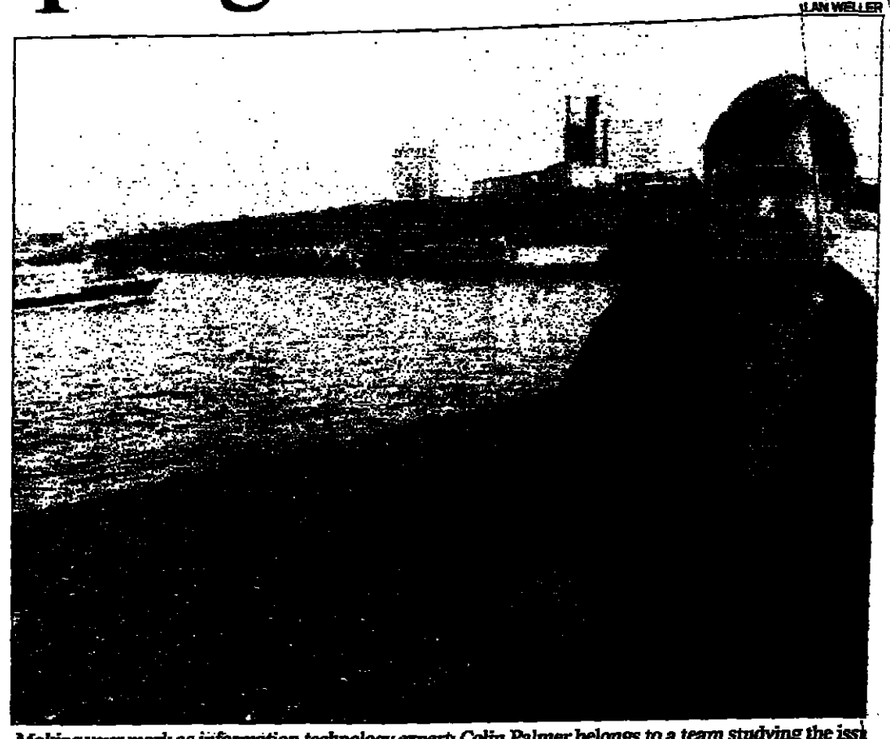
The problem of communication between boards and IT departments is covered by the Impact Programme, a multi-client study run by KPMG Management Consultants. One section of this looks at relationships between the management and IT staff in 12 leading companies.

"There have been major gaps in understanding," says Colin Palmer, an Impact team member. "Directors ask why information technology costs so much, to which IT people reply that it is not a cost but an investment that will benefit the business. Managers ask why they cannot connect this with that throughout the entire business globally, and are given the technical answer that they need an infrastructure, which prompts the question, 'What's an infrastructure?'"

The Impact programme suggests three ways to improve communications. First, find a common means of expression, usable by people with or without an IT background. Second, the question of what IT can actually deliver must be considered. This involves defining the processes, results, people and costs involved in running a business.

Third, establish an agenda. Build relationships, Mr Palmer advises. "When, say, a divisional general manager and a senior information systems manager can come together to understand the business imperatives, and find a strategy and a language, everything drops into place."

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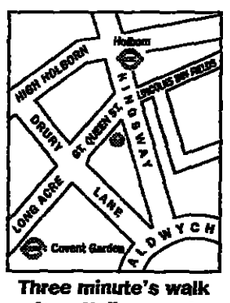
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GALLERIES: **Richard Cork** on Sixties art at the Barbican and Georges Rouault at the Royal Academy

High hopes between the hard edges

Decade of hype, scandal, protest, innovation and style, the Sixties has an over-familiar ring. The same images are regurgitated to promote the "swinging" mythology time and again. But if we give the mini-skirts a rest, and go along to the Barbican Art Gallery's stimulating new show, **The Sixties Art Scene in London**, the clichéd view of the decade gives way to a far less predictable alternative.

The organiser, Dr David Mellor of Sussex University, makes the depth of his research apparent from the start. For the first room presents the forgotten "action" painter William Green, who enjoyed a brief notoriety in the late 1950s. Films by Ken Russell and Pathé Pictorial are relayed on a monitor, showing the crop-haired student from the Royal College of Art assaulting his pictures with endearing gusto. In one spectacular sequence, he sets fire to a picture with the help of paraffin.

> 'British art revealed a new appetite for the monumental'

The results are difficult to assess, if we discount a questionable "replica" which Green produced last year. But Robyn Denny, his fellow student, has preserved his own attempt: a colossal 1957 bitumen work which once contained the words "Eden Come Home" scrawled like graffiti across the painting. They were then obscured by scorchmarks from the flames Denny applied. But the mood of dissent spilled over into the new decade, allied to gathering anxiety about nuclear weapons.

In 1961 the auto-destructive artist Gustav Metzger donned a gas-mask on the South Bank and destroyed sheets of nylon with hydrochloric acid. The crowd watching him in a photograph of the event seemed amused rather than aghast, but Mellor's inclusion of CND protest imagery proves how widespread disquiet was. John Latham's powerful relief looms out of the wall, a great jutting clutch of books, wires, springs and machine fragments smothered with deadening grey paint.

Alongside intimations of apocalypse, though, a celebratory mood was emerging. Denny had already executed a monumental mural for Austin Reed, jumping with exclamatory verbal references to London's vitality. Exhibited for the first time, its word-play seems to prophesy the euphoria which would soon animate the city.

Graphics for new traffic signs emphasise the pared-down dynamism transforming urban design. And instead of rushing straight into Pop Art, Mellor reconstructs a seminal exhibition called *Place*, at the ICA, in which the stern priorities of hard-edge abstraction were asserted in canvases ranged provocatively across the floor. It was followed by a more open survey where minimal paintings were shown alongside flamboyant images by the young Gillian Ayres.

A commitment to abstraction still united them all, and even Peter Blake succumbed for a moment in his resplendent *Gold Leaf Painting*. Inspired by the size of the new Cinemascope screen, other painters expanded their work: William Turnbull's immense red canvas is an impressively heraldic demonstration of British art's growing appetite for monumentality.

But the figurative impulse would not go away. Howard Hodgkin makes an outstanding contribution with his wall of witty, fresh and affectionate tributes to the friends and places he cherished. They look startling and anarchic among the stripes and geometrical structures favoured by John Plumb, Bernard Cohen and Gordon House.

Abstraction soon returns with formidable authority in one of the finest rooms, where Bridget Riley is shown with Anthony Caro. Since they both broke through to maturity at the same time, deploying crisp, machine-age forms with great verve, their work hangs well together. *Hopscotch* is one of Caro's most engaging sculptures, crisp and jaunty, while Riley's eye-wrenching monochromes are alive with an energy largely absent from the hard-edged abstractions elsewhere.

Their arid shortcomings make Richard Smith's canvases all the more welcome. Taking his cue from a flip-top cigarette pack, he expanded it to heroic proportions. Robbed of their identity, the cigarettes are transformed into doughty columns. And the zig-zags dominating the composition become surprisingly sensuous.

Hockney might also have stood out, if he had been allowed to. The rather scrappy paintings displayed here do no justice to the brilliance of his finest early work — although *Bertha alias Bernie* does sum up, in its title at least, his brave *determination to subvert the sexual* taboos of the period. Mellor compensates by enlarging our view of what Sixties art achieved. The classic icons are here, such as Blake's wonderfully po-faced *Self-Portrait with Badges*, a bearded pop fan clutching his Elvis magazine in a suburban English garden.

But alongside masterpieces as familiar as Kitaj's complex *An Early Europe*, where Canova's *Three Graces* becomes a springboard for a fractured yet erotic play on race and gender, Bruce Lacey's *The Womaniser* comes as a shock. Slung across a decaying dentist's chair, a leering humanoid lets his red rubber gloves quiver over a sequence of see-through bras.

Similar surprises occur downstairs. In a celebration of the New Generation shows at the Whitechapel Art Gallery, Phillip King's pink, audacious *Rosebud* stands for Sixties sculpture at its most coolly flirtatious. But less familiar work by Tess Jaray, Marc Vaux and Maurice Agis is also included here.

While so much enthusiasm in the 1960s was aroused by cosmic fantasies, other artists looked with renewed attention at the ground. By focusing on the beach at *Camber Sands*, Mark Boyle and Joan Hills produced *The Tidal Series* — a varied sequence of fibreglass, sand and seashell panels. The ecological respect underlying these works pushes forward from the Sixties to today's concerns. But the decade disintegrated soon afterwards, bloated with excess and a failure to fulfil the heady hopes ignited by the energy that is charted in this effervescent survey.

● The Sixties Art Scene in London *at the Barbican Art Gallery (071-638 5403) until June 13*



Familiar masterpiece? "Kitaj's complex *An Early Europe*, where Canova's *Three Graces* becomes a springboard for a fractured yet erotic play on race and gender"

Visions of merciless violence

Rouault worked out his inner turmoil in the stormy surfaces of his grim paintings

Born in a cellar while the Commune of Paris was shelled by government forces in 1871, **Georges Rouault** always seems to have felt under siege. In an early self-portrait drawing, the bearded young man gazes from the surrounding gloom as if startled by a sudden fear. The 24-year-old artist was clearly preoccupied with his own vulnerability even then.

Rouault's apprehensiveness proved well-founded. Despite exceptional early promise, encouraged by his teacher Gustave Moreau, he suffered a major breakdown in 1902. A conflict between the rival claims of painting and religion exacerbated his malaise, but the crisis ended up emboldening him as an artist.

Before 1902, Moreau's influence had inhibited Rouault. Whether his chosen themes were mythological or biblical, they refused to touch openly on the concerns of the contemporary world. And when Rouault was appointed the first curator of the museum established at Moreau's house after the old man's death, he must have seemed likely to dwell in the shades of *fin-de-siècle* Symbolism for ever.

But the breakdown liberated his work. After the shadowy reticence of the earliest exhibits in the Royal Academy's show, which concentrates on his greatest years between 1903 and 1920, Rouault suddenly reveals a more eruptive side. A jet of water shoots up in the air from a Versailles fountain with the force of an ejaculation. It could almost be a symbol of Rouault's imagination, freed at last from previous constraints.

And the wildness with which he wields watercolour and pastel in this exuberant image reinforces the sense of release. Nobody in European art was handling line and colour with greater roughness. Delicacy has been thrown aside, to be replaced by a summary reliance on blotted forms, openly exposed reworkings and violent obliterations. Rouault had found a way of exposing his internal tensions on the stormy surface of the pictures he produced.



Clown with Drum: Rouault's clowns find animation in sadness

Nor did he remain content with subjects as conventional as Versailles. Having grown up in the working-class districts of Belleville and Montmartre, he turned his attention to everyday life on the streets or at the circus. His decision to concentrate on dancers and whores allies him immediately with Lautrec. But there is nothing sprightly about the beefy performer who thrusts out her leg like a martial-arts kick-boxer in *Dancer and Mr Loyal*. This is a woman accustomed to fighting for her existence, and men often seem downcast by comparison.

Take the couple who stand together, very unwillingly, in Rouault's merciless watercolour *Monsieur and Madame Poulot*. Staring fiercely away from her husband, the wife juts out her elbow so forcefully that it appears to push him aside. He looks shabby and dejected, the prisoner of a marriage riddled with perpetual discord.

Rouault saw many of the characters in his pugilistic version of modern life as dummies at a funfair, and when one of his brutalised wedding pictures was hung beside works by Matisse and Derain in the 1905 Salon d'Automne, he found himself dubbed a "wild beast" along with the other inmates of "the cage".

The truth was that Rouault remained a retiring and contemplative individual, still deeply attached to his religious beliefs. But he saw no need to produce tepid, pious images focusing on the life of Christ alone.

Like Degas, whom he had met in 1903, he began an extended series of brothel pictures. And the figures they contain are far more disconcerting than the whores Degas had depicted. Massive and disgruntled, they harbour no illusions about the life they lead. Although Rouault paints them in a blue as pervasive as the melancholy colour Picasso had favoured a little earlier, no sentimentality is allowed to temper the harshness of these images.

Rouault viewed these women with the eyes of a moralist, but he stopped well short of denouncing them. Disgust was tempered with respect, and his work was equally dour when he turned his attention to clowns. Most of them are shown with drums, their red costumes handled so vehemently that they could almost be drenched with blood. The same colour is smeared on the clowns' noses. Instead of signifying hilarity, it makes them look even more battered than Rouault's wedding couples.

The bowler-hatted monkeys perched beside them, scarcely visible through the blizzard of brushstrokes, are just as morose. Man and animal both appear downcast by the insistent beat of the drum, sounding a note of doom for the new century several years before the first world war fulfilled all Rouault's deepest misgivings.

He was a limited artist, and failed to give his landscapes the tragic power invested in his figure paintings. Nor can he be acquitted from the charge of oppressiveness. This show, containing less than 100 works, is the right size: a larger exhibition might have become unbearably relentless.

But, like Munch before him and Bacon in his wake, he avoids terminal despondency by defining his gloomy world with a paradoxical vitality. His courtroom scenes, with their raddled judges, hypocritical juries and bullying policemen, are as boisterously depicted as the legal grotesqueries in *Bleak House*. His clowns find animation in sadness, opening their mouths to utter a protesting yell.

And when Rouault tackles a full-length figure of an acrobat, striding like a naked dryad through a turbulent landscape, he finds an obstinate feistiness which counters despair. Redeemed by the will to survive, the acrobat embodies Rouault's own attempt to overcome depression and assert the nourishing principle of resilience instead.

● Georges Rouault: The Early Years 1903-1920 *at the Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly (071-439 7438), daily 10-5.30 (last admission) until June 6. Sponsored by BMW 8 Series*

Cash-starved art gallery sells stock

ART MARKET DIARY

THE author Ronald Blythe has condemned as "disgraceful" the sale at Christie's today of 14 paintings by the likes of John Nash, Edward Bawden and Sir Cedric Morris from the Minories Art Gallery in Colchester. The paintings are, says the creator of the famous book *Akenfield*, "evidence of the remarkable art scene which existed in this area for over 60 years".

Furthermore, none of the artists who gave the paintings "could have imagined that their gifts would have ended up in the saleroom, and so soon". Blythe says he was with John Nash on the day that the artist decided to leave "all the best paintings he still had hanging on the walls to this gallery". Blythe adds: "My old friend, then 84, believed he was giving 'to Colchester'. This was only 15 years ago."

For 30 years the gallery has been based in a 17th-century Colchester merchant's house, but it is currently closed due to cuts in its public funding. Clifford Welch, chairman of the trustees, says that the money raised by the sale will be used to "liquidate outstanding debts and fund bursaries to artists". But Blythe asks: "What artist, or owner of a work of art, will in future give their treasures to places like the Minories? There should have been more considerate ways of raising £70,000."

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Office nudes

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REGIONAL

AYR: Scottish Opera presents a small-scale touring production of *Mozart's comic opera Seraglio, with a* cast of nine professional singers and an actor, under the baton of the young British conductor Martyn Brabbins.
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LEEDS: **Motionhouse** in *Arcadio* (see St Albans).
The Dome, 98 Chapeltown Road (0532 625359), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

MANCHESTER: At the forefront of improvised music for some 20 years, the **London Jazz Composers' Orchestra**, led by bass player Barry Guy, *continues* a Contemporary Music Network tour. A diverse programme will feature Guy's new 17-movement work *Portraits*, designed to show off the talents of each member.
Royal Northern College of Music, 124 Oxford Road (061-273 4504), tonight, 7.30pm.

ST ALBANS: Modern-dance group ***Motionhouse*** *continues a nationwide* tour with *Arcadio*, a full-length dance performance with a set designed by Spanish installation artist Rosa Sanchez and costumes by Megdalen *Rubalcava, a magical and sensuous* world is explored when a family house is *dominated by a curse*. (There are also workshops today.)
The Maltings, St Albans Arts Centre (0727 844222), tonight, 8pm.

WATFORD: Paula Wilcox and Jeremy Sinden star in **On Approval**, Lonsdale's classic comedy about two unsuitably *engaged* couples, under the direction of David Gilmore.
Palace, Clarendon Road (0923 225671). Previews from tonight, 8pm, opens Mar 17, 7.45pm; then Mon-Thurs, 7.45pm, Fri and Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 3pm.

YORK: Peter Knapp's lively company **Travelling Opera** continues a nationwide tour with productions of *Bizet's Carmen (tonight) and Mozart's Don Giovanni* (tomorrow).
Barbican Centre, Barbican Road (0904 656688), 7.30pm.

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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□ **ALFIE**. Adam Faith as Bill Naughton's 1963 Jack the Lad who briefly finds human feelings. Play and characters now look antique.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4.30pm. 125mins.

□ **ARTISTS AND ADMIRERS**. Ostrovsky's sharp, affectionate picture of a theatrical anthill in Russia circa 1880. *Lovely performances by, among others,* Sylvestra le Touzel and Philip Voss.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 150mins. Final performances.

■ **CAROUSEL**: Triumphant revival of the Rodgers & Hammerstein musical.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.15pm. 180mins.

◪ **CRAZY FOR YOU**. Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*. Exceptional entertainment value.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◪ ***CYRANO DE BERGERAC***: Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

□ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST**: Maggie Smith heads a marvellous cast. Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack *et al.*
Aldwych. *The Aldwych, WC2* (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

■ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen Daldry's thrilling Expressionist production of Priestley's soul-searcher.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 115mins.

◪ **THE INVISIBLE MAN**: Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever. Paul *Kieve's magic tricks are amazing.*
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◪ **KING LEAR**. Solid, respectable performance by Tom Wilkinson in a low-powered staging by Max Stafford-Clark. *With Saskia Reeves, Hugh Ross.*
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 195mins.

□ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN**: Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical. It coarsens the *values of Manuel Puig's novel but Chita* Rivera makes a striking vamp.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

□ **LOST IN YONKERS**. Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a *Neil Simon comedy more weighty than* usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, *2.30pm. 160mins.*

◪ **MISERY**: Sharon Gless and Bill Paterson *in nonsensical but chilling* production of Stephen King's thriller.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

□ **MURDER IS EASY**: But an antiquated Agatha Christie adaptation is hardly worth doing.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 140mins.

◪ ***NO MAN'S LAND***. Paul Eddington and the author in tense, sharply comic Pinter. Riveting stuff.
Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, *Sat, 5pm. 130mins.*

◪ **ON THE PISTE**: John Godber's slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket ski resort.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats *Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mins.*

□ **PLAYLAND**: Athol Fugard's two-hander: *white man and black man,* loitering outside a fairground, haul up their past and hint at the future. Builds to an eloquent climax.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, *WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm,* mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 90mins.

□ ***TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT***: William Gaunt, John Wells, Richard Kane, Christopher Gee play all 26 parts in Giles Havergal's marvellous adaptation of Graham Greene's novel.
Wyndham's, *Charing Cross Road,* WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mins. Final week. Transfers to the Whitehall from March 16.

□ **THE TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA**: David Thacker's winning revival, *Thirties style, both comic and* romantic, delightfully acted — not least by a reproachful mutt.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat *tomorrow, 2pm. 150mins. Final* performances.

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NEW RELEASES

KNIFE IN THE WATER (PG): Gripping psychological games on a small sailing boat. Welcome revival of Polanski's first (and last) Polish feature, made in 1962.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

ORLANDO (PG): *Virginia Woolf's* exuberant novel about a free spirit (Tilda Swinton) who lives for 400 years, changing sex en route, filmed with great aplomb by British director Sally Potter.
Gate (071-727 4043) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366)

◆ **SCENT OF A WOMAN** (15): A blind army veteran visits New York with a prep school pup. Far too long, with a barnstorming star (Al Pacino). With Chris O'Donnell; director, Martin Brest.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) ***MGM*** **Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

A SONG FOR BEKO: Restrained but powerful elegy for the hounded Kurds *and their dismembered homeland from* emigré director Nizamettin Ariç.
ICA (071-930 3647).

CURRENT

BAD LIEUTENANT (18): Forceful, uncomfortable study of a depraved New *York cop hooked on drugs and alcohol* from director Abel Ferrara. Astonishing performance by Harvey Keitel.
Odeons: Haymarket (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666)

◆ ***HONEYMOON IN VEGAS*** (12): Private eye Nicolas Cage tries to save girlfriend from gambler James Caan's clutches. Andrew Bergman's agreeable, *old-fashioned screwball comedy.*
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeon West End** (0426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

◆ **LEON THE PIG FARMER** (15): Jewish lad discovers his embarrassing *pedigree. Exuberant British comedy* that gets unduly silly. Stars Mark Frankel, Brian Glover; directors, Vadim Jean, Gary Sinyor.
Everyman (071-435 1525) **MGM** ***Tottenham Court Road*** *(071-636 6148)* **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666)

◆ **LORENZO'S OIL** (12): Gruelling real-life tale of parents battling to alleviate their son's terrible illness. With Nick Nolte, Susan Sarandon.
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◆ **MALCOLM X** (15): Spike Lee's ambitious epic. Denzel Washington is solid as the black activist, but prickly issues get sidestepped, and there is little cinematic fire.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden** ***Plaza*** *(071-485 2443)* ***MGM Fulham*** **Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) ***UCI Whiteleys*** *(071-792 3332).*

OLIVIER OLIVIER (15): Teenager *missing for six years returns home; but is* it him? Fascinating story, but prosaic treatment by director Agnieszka Holland.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470).

◆ **A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT** (PG): Robert Redford's hymn to family, nature and fly fishing. Beautifully mounted, but lacking punch. With Craig Sheffer, Brad Pitt, Tom Skerritt.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** *(071-792 3332)*

SHADOWS AND FOG (15): Woody *Allen's technically dazzling but indulgent* homage to German Expressionist cinema. Allen is besotted with sword-swallower Mia Farrow who is being cheated by her clown-husband, John *Malkovich. Madonna makes a brief* appearance.
Renoir (071-837 8402)

TOYS (PG): Toy factory falls into evil hands. Over-elaborate, unfunny whimsy from director Barry Levinson; with Robin Williams, Michael Gambon, Joan Cusack, *and toys galore.*
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A WINTER'S TALE (12): A Paris hairdresser's quest for true love. Eric Rohmer near his best: elegant, clear-eyed, realistic. A film laced with magic. Stars Charlotte Véry.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470).

THEATRE: **Holly Hill** reviews a Japanese touring show on its way to Britain

Black comedy defies the taboos

Yabuhara Kengyo
Manhattan City Center

PLAYING three performances at Manhattan's City Center on its way towards London and Manchester, *The Great Doctor Yabuhara (Yabuhara Kengyo)* makes one wonder. Had the 1990 winner of the Critics' Award for Best Play at the Edinburgh Festival gone on a world tour after its 1973 Tokyo premiere, how would Western audiences have reacted? Would they have been as shocked as the Japanese reportedly were by Hisashi Inoue's black comedy about a blind youth who murders and thieves his way to the pinnacle of 17th century blind society?

In 1973 America, we were still reeling from *Marat/Sade*, *Joe Egg* and *Saved*, and not wanting to confront disease and brutality in the theatre any more than in life. Now the horrors depicted in *Yabuhara* almost pale beside recent events worldwide and a musical about Aids is a Broadway hit. *Inoue's tale, however, acquires new* resonance at a time when disabled people demand a greater role in society, by showing blind people not as sainted or even benign but as only somewhat exaggerated role models for the greediest among us in the Eighties.

The timeless qualities of *Yabuhara* (performed in Japanese with English supertitles) are that it is a good story, and that Koichi Kimura's production *for his Chijinkai Theatre Company* is magnificent. Hanging loops and a *grid of colourful patchwork ropes* frame a central platform on which props such as lanterns, and miniature screens and trees, evoke specific locales. Blood-red light is cast upon the hanging ropes when murders occur; and the grid both marks borders as characters travel and ensnares the protagonist when he is arrested.


Yabuhara Kengyo: "Koichi Kimura's production for his Chijinkai Theater Company is magnificent"

The performance is constantly arresting visually, even during long discursive passages unilluminated by the often jaunty supertitles ("You think I'm blind? *I mean, you think I'm* deaf?"). For the grisly execution, a large papier maché puppet is a powerfully grotesque substitute for the actor.

The narrator doubles as percussionist on Japanese instruments, while a guitarist accompanies songs and much of the action with music that combines Japanese, Spanish and occasional country and western strains. The songs are reminiscent of *The Threepenny Opera*, while the choreography leans towards Broadway.

Satire in the playing, as in the writing, includes send-ups of Japanese performance conventions (a murder victim thrown into a river cheerily pulls a blue cloth from the hem of her gown up over her head) and musical comedy (a chorus of nine people wield their canes and prance like *A Chorus Line*). Then come Brechtian alienation devices (the narrator interrupts scenes with comments in English like "Be quiet. Too much noise."). All these coalesce into an edgy comedy that is *never too exotic to hit home.*

● *The Great Doctor Yabuhara — Yabuhara Kengyo* will be at the Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, London W6 (081-741 2311) from Tuesday until March 20, and at the Contact Theatre, Manchester (061-274 4400) from March 24 to 27.

Surprised by joy in Hammersmith

Invade My Privacy
Riverside Studios


The otherwise ladylike Michelle Fine apparently eats a goldfish

THE day had been long and strenuous. You know how it is. Things pile up in all directions. I wouldn't like to say I was grumpy on the way to Hammer*smith because one is always keen to see* what the evening will bring, that goes without saying. Nevertheless, there was a feeling that I was going to be difficult to please.

When I think of all the times I've gone so brightly, to take my seat to see another show, and then been disappointed, sometimes nightly, and writ*ten on the programme, No, No, No. It* is perverse, but really so exciting, when in the dumps to find a show like this: craft, great performances, sharp writing; invigorating things I hate to miss.

The show is a musical celebration of the poems of Fran Landesman, who knocked around on the beat scene in America fortysomething years ago but *now lives in London.* "Spring Can Really Hang You Up The Most" became a jazz standard, set by Tommy Wolf and played and sung by Ella, Barbra, Stan Getz, Shirley Bassey, you name it. "The Ballad of the Sad Young Men" is another Landesman creation which has been taken up by several performers, including Nina Simone.

But the majority of the treats in this celebration have hitherto existed only on the page. Many have now been given music by Jason McAuliffe, and Howard Samuels has assembled them in the cleverest way to be sung by himself and four actress/singers *around a dinner table waiting for a* meal that never comes.

The four-line verses that Landesman favours go easily into song form and tell of egotists assailed by doubt, women annoyed or conned by men, and nights in bed that don't seem to have led to happiness. Some of them are like Stevie Smith with sex instead of the Anglican Church.

The stance Landesman takes to look at urban love is droll — "I found him at a jumble sale/A slightly damaged adult male" — but the sentiments are cool without becoming cold, mocking but never heartless. Her touch is sure enough to make "A Brontosaurus named Bert" quietly funny while tender, and to create a gorgeous parody of a Gospel song with its matchless opening line "There's a big *black drag queen in the sky!*". Having sat at the table looking serene and ladylike, Michelle Fine goes flailing into the hot rhythm, grinding out the ferocious black vowels and repeating "yeah, yeah," forever.

Jacqueline Dankworth gives the wandering melodic line of the jazz numbers a lovely purity, often singing them with an *expressionless* face, as if late at night in a bar with only the sax for company. Babydoll-faced Tina Jones gets most of the dirty talk to sing and rolls her eyes magnificently as crazy Norma Desmond expiring on Sunset. Lucy Dixon, the knowing sylph of a waitress, brings food for the goldfish but none for the diners.

*In directing this joyfully accom*plished show Linda Marlowe adds playful business to animate, interrupt and temper the songs. Tart, wise, surreal and a bit mad, the mix of ingredients acts as a real tonic.

JEREMY KINGSTON

DANCE: **John Percival** ventures into the unknown but then wishes he had not bothered

Nice cutlery, shame about the choreography

Dancehouse
Angela Woodhouse
The Place

ALTHOUGH it includes some grander presentations nowadays, the annual Spring Loaded season at The Place Theatre in Euston began life as a showcase for the many small dance *companies working in Britain. In* view of this I decided to pick for my *reviewing quota this week* two groups about which I knew nothing. Too bad that I am left regretting my lost, blissful ignorance.

Angela Woodhouse claims to offer her own unique approach to dance theatre. She certainly achieved something unique in my experience: at the end of the first number on her programme, not one single person in the audience put their hands together *to applaud.*

It would be wrong to suggest that it held nothing of interest, however. One could, for example, pass the time wondering why the two almost static young women were surrounded by forks and spoons, which were spread out on the floor.

The two remaining works answered that question by revealing that this choreographer has an obsession with household objects. *In one of them, three dancers spent the* whole time manipulating a chest of *drawers, its ornaments and its constitu*ent parts. In the other piece, the dancers dismantled a sofa and threw its cushions about the stage.

You would be amazed how long apparently rational creatures can go on repeating silly movements of this sort; you would be even more amazed at how many people will sit patiently to watch. I can only imagine that perhaps the scent of the pot-pourri which had been *spread over the stage was conducive to* patience.

DARLENE Stevens and her company **Dancehouse**, on the previous night, also used furniture, a row of ten signally uncomfortable-looking chairs. These the performers clambered over while acting out some obscure charade of lust and violence. The other work, *Men Only*, had at least the benefit of some attractive Sixties' recordings (al*though some of them doctored*) by the likes of Sandie Shaw as accompaniment.

Based on a magazine article from December 1961, it purported to illustrate the beginning of the Sixties' sexual revolution, but managed to get wrong every detail of dress, *hairstyle*, dance mannerisms and social atti*tudes. I fear that our dance* colleges cannot do much about teaching social history.

Some cynics might wonder what on earth they *do* teach. But Kerry Bell's dancing of a solo to "Always Something There To Remind Me" surpassed its material and provided at least momentary alleviation.

CINEMAS

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Looking for a reason in rhyme

The angry sound of inner-city America is giving way to a stronger, more reflective and more commercial rap. David Toop reports





Pens mightier than an Uzi: the latest album by Ice Cube (left) went straight in at No 1 in America, while Arrested Development have gently conquered the world

Hip-hop, according to J-Dee, is "the '93 blues". J-Dee is an imposing, shaven-headed rapper, one of three members of a Los Angeles hip-hop act named Da Lench Mob. "It's all our sorrows and pain put on wax," he says. "They're just put in a different style."

Now that black blues has been appropriated by British advertisers for the selling of beer and other commodities, J-Dee's statement may forge a useful point of contact for people who have previously heard hip-hop as a threatening, amoral noise. After all, many of the strong messages or violent imagery of rap were present at one time in the blues. Only one example of this is to be found in Peetie Wheatstraw's chilling "Gangster Blues", recorded in 1940: "You can start your screaming but must give in," he sang. "I'm gonna tear you to pieces and put you back again."

Yet this kind of lyric seemed academic by the time many white British and American listeners heard it, probably during the blues revival of the 1960s. It was something to analyse and glorify in a vicarious way, while enjoying the music in the safety of a suburban living room.

Hip-hop, by contrast, is uncomfortably here and now. In Los Angeles this week, Rodney King finally gave a jury his own account of the beating administered by members of the Los Angeles police department. That beating, recorded on amateur video, shocked America. The acquittal of his attackers eventually led last April and May to the worst riots of the century, both in Los Angeles and in cities throughout America. Now the city prepares anxiously for a potential sequel.

Da Lench Mob's album offers a perfect example of the way in which this pivotal event in worsening race relations has been absorbed into hip-hop imagery, then fed back to the media.

Guerillas in the Mist is the record's title. This is not just an ironic pun on the film of the same name but a playback of a phrase used by police officer Larry Powell. After hitting Rodney King 45 times with his baton, Powell spoke about a call he had received prior to the drunk driver incident involving King. He described a black family in a domestic incident as being like "gorillas in the mist".

Powell's own words have been sampled by Da Lench Mob for a powerful rap which reverses Tarzan's supremacy in the jungle and ends with the persecution of the mountain gorilla being used as a metaphor for racial harassment.

This interweaving of current events and media soundbites, mythology and political affirmation, musical innovation and furious expression typifies the complexity of the best rap.

"It is the last voice of the black man," J-Dee says. "This is our church. This is our sermon to the kids. This is our own little meeting ground. We teach everybody through our music. A lot of kids don't like to be told what to do because they've been raised up by parents who don't give a damn about what they do. So how can somebody else's society tell them what to do?"

That telling phrase, "somebody else's society", indicates the gulf that exists between black and white. Since the emergence of Public Enemy in the mid-Eighties, hip-hop's increasing seriousness has tended towards graphic depictions of gang warfare and sexual violence, drug abuse, capital punishment and other horrors.

Preoccupied with the terrible environment in which the majority of young blacks grow up in America, hip-hop has presented a hostile, sometimes brutal face to the world.

Some commentators have seen hip-hop as a catalyst for more brutality. At least one writer has gone on record as claiming that rap is evil. Writing in *The Sunday Telegraph* last year, David Sexton claimed that: "The resentment expressed in rap is certainly part of the continuing legacy of slavery, the continuing inability of American blacks to free themselves from it. But rap is part of the problem, not any remedy." Ice Cube, now one of hip-hop's biggest stars and the owner of the Street Knowledge label that released *Guerillas In the Mist*, has been censured repeatedly for a number of his abrasive lyrics. Even his current single, "It Was a Good Day", depicts happiness as the absence of unhappiness. Cruising around his neighbourhood, he experiences an almost unknown relief as the police ignore him and trouble fails to materialise.

> 'This is our church. This is our sermon. We teach through our music'

Yet Ice Cube's music is a success story within the mainstream music industry of America. His records now sell to young whites who find the power and content of hip-hop more appealing than other available options.

After receiving critical acclaim for his acting role in *Boyz N the Hood*, Ice Cube's most recent album, *The Predator*, entered the *Billboard* charts at No 1 while — in a symbolic moment for racially conscious statisticians — his previous album, *Death Certificate*, ended the record-breaking US chart-topping run of country singer Garth Brooks. Similar figures can be found throughout hip-hop. A rap single outsold Whitney Houston in America last year, while some of the newer wave of hip-hop acts have enjoyed high sales and sold-out tours by crossing over the divide which separates hip-hop from the white college audience.

Arrested Development, a seven-piece, mixed-gender group from Atlanta, Georgia sold two million copies of their debut album in America and 300,000 in Britain, while "People Everyday", the first hit single, won a silver record in this country. Their gentler, more rural music features no blasting shotguns or lurid tales of sex and violence.

Like other acts in this new wave — Me Phi Me, dcBASEHEAD, The Disposable Heroes of Hiphoprisy or Digable Planets — they have been received with an audible sigh of relief by white critics whose liberal (or politically correct) sensibilities have been bruised by what Da Lench Mob's J-Dee describes as "the truth uncut, the untold story" related by the hardcore rappers.

Yet Arrested Development's "Revolution," featured in Spike Lee's film *Malcolm X*, still proclaims "either the bullet or the ballot" as its video images flit between depictions of Africa, the 1960s era of civil rights and revolutionary politics, to the present day.

The uplifting mood does not have J-Dee's "rugged beats and hard facts" but the message is essentially the same time for a change.

● *Ice Cube, Da Lench Mob and Kam play Bradford University (0274 733466), tonight and Brixton Academy, London (071-326 1022), tomorrow. Arrested Development and Me Phi Me play the Town & Country, London (071-284 0303), on Monday.*

RECORDS: When is a Plant not a Plant? When it's a Whitesnake

Stars' way to heaven

COVERDALE PAGE
Coverdale Page
(EMI EMD 1041)
THE alliance between former Deep Purple and Whitesnake vocalist David Coverdale and former Led Zeppelin guitarist and leader Jimmy Page seems to have been born out of desperation as much as inspiration.

In the 13 years since Zeppelin disbanded, Page's output has been spotty and listless, while Coverdale's increasingly blatant impersonations of vocalist Robert Plant betrayed an infatuation with the Zeppelin myth that was getting out of hand.

In joining up with Page, Coverdale has simultaneously earthed his imitative enthusiasm and administered the jolt needed to shake Page out of his creative doldrums. The result is an ersatz Led Zeppelin album which combines a fresh twist with enough of the old magic to become an unlikely triumph of hope over experience.

Coverdale will never be Plant's match as a lyricist — "Easy does it baby, nice and slow" is about as profound as it gets here — but he manages to reproduce all Plant's shrieks, moans and other breast-beating mannerisms with uncanny accuracy and a self-belief that sweeps all before it.

Page meanwhile pulls out the famous old tricks that are his by right, but which he has shied away from since Zeppelin's demise. There is the mandolin, acoustic guitar and harmonica stomp of "Pride And Joy", the pell-mell riffing and souped-up soloing of "Absolution Blues" and, in "Over Now", the Zeppelin-patented sound of synthesized strings coasting with magisterial splendour across a jagged guitar motif and elephant-thud drum beat.

The best track, "Don't Leave Me This Way", is a cataclysmic slow blues in the "Since I've Been Loving You" vein. This performance alone is worth the admission fee for an album that is far and away the most authoritative piece of work that either musician has signed his name to in a decade at least.



Easily Led: David Coverdale (left) and Jimmy Page

AMERICAN MUSIC CLUB
Mercury
(Virgin CDV 2708)
ONE of those groups that inspire music critics to orgasmic flights of hyperbole while leaving the general public feeling indifferent at best, American Music Club have long ploughed an idiosyncratic furrow on the margins of alternative rock, releasing six albums since 1985.

While their music is a strangely indeterminate mixture of folk, jazz and rock textures enlivened by occasional squalls of feedback-driven guitar, the group is primarily a vehicle for the gloomy visions and plummy singing voice of Mark Eitzel, who was voted Songwriter Of The Year in 1992 by the writers of *Rolling Stone* magazine, no less.

While Eitzel's poetic lyrics often make little sense, there is a pronounced streak of melancholia leavened by an unhinged sense of humour on tracks like "Johnny Mathis' Feet", "The Hopes And Dreams Of Heaven's 10,000 Whores" and "Dallas, Airports, Bodybags".

A similar mixture of angst and whimsy has served Morrissey well over the years, but Eitzel is a much less flamboyant character. For all its intellectual clout, on a more basic level, this album lacks charm.

ROD STEWART
Lead Vocalist
(Warner Bros 9362-45281)
AN odd testament to the fact that Rod Stewart used to be the singer in other people's groups, *Lead Vocalist* is also a lukewarm reminder that the smooth old roué of today was once a blueswailing rocker of no mean pedigree.

After a cursory blast of the real thing — a raucous mauling of Willie Dixon's "I Ain't Superstitious", recorded by the Jeff Beck group way back in 1967 — there is an ad hoc selection of sentimental favourites by the Faces ("Cindy Incidentally", "Stay With Me") and by Stewart as a solo star ("True Blue", "Hotlegs").

Finally there are five new recordings of other people's old songs, including the recent hits "Tom Traubert's Blues" (written by Tom Waits) and "Ruby Tuesday" (the Mick Jagger and Keith Richards classic).

Produced with a customarily lavish touch by Trevor Horn, whose current recipe seems to be strings with everything, there is a rich, cloying feel to the new arrangements which rather betrays the original spirit of standards such as "Shotgun Wedding" and "First I Look At The Purse".

Viewed as a history lesson, *Lead Vocalist* only underlines just how far off the rails Stewart's odyssey from the London *demi-monde* to the Beverly Hills glitterati has taken him over the past decade or two.

dcBASEHEAD
Not In Kansas Anymore
(imago 72787 21023)
THE brainchild of Washington-based rapper and multi-instrumentalist Michael Ivey, dcBASEHEAD is one of the more intriguing of the continuously rolling wave of American rap acts currently washing over these shores.

Ivey is a droll character, who harps on about the usual things — his dislike of the police, his fondness of a smoke, his sexual preferences and the size of his wallet — but he does so in a lugubrious, downbeat fashion that is the complete opposite of the ranting, strident stereotype.

These laid-back narratives are accompanied by skimpy bass and drum grooves guaranteed to get heads nodding and limbs twitching.

Even allowing for the softly, softly approach, however, the new single, which has an obscenity in the title, does not seem destined to receive much radio airplay in its bid for the charts.

DAVID SINCLAIR

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8	Frank Black	Frank Black (4AD)
9	Automatic For The People	R.E.M. (Warner Brothers)
10	Ingenue	k.d. lang (Sire)

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SINGLES: David Bowie's "*Jump They Say*" (Arista 74321 139422). Not the best track from the pending *Black Tie White Noise* album, but a clear indication of a reinvigorated Bowie. Modish synth and sax replace the guitar histrionics of his recent Tin Machine excursions.
The Times featuring Tippa Irie: "Finnegan's Break" (Creation CRE SCD 158) Bizarre but compelling groove which manages to locate the hitherto unsuspected interface between Irish folk and raggamuffin hip-hop.

QUOTE: "Some people want me to be a rock star. Other people want me to be a movie star. Don't they know I'm just a simple sex symbol who wants to be left alone so I can get my six or seven hours of brooding in each day?" *Chris Isaak*

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REVIEW: *Stairways To Heaven* — Various Artists (Vertigo 514 552): "This album sounds a whole lot better if you leave it in its sleeve and play something else instead." *Melody Maker*

EP: Therapy?'s *Shortsharpshock* (A&M AMCD 208). Echoes of Nirvana's whirlwind sound on the Belfast trio's latest outing. Three new songs and a different version of "Accelerator" from their *Nurse* album. Expect a Top 20 chart placing for this.

SEVEN DAYS

OUT & ABOUT NEXT WEEK

A rock insider's guide to the Next Big Thing

South Uist, in Scotland's Western Isles, is not exactly the hot-spot of pop, but this was where Martin Swan found his muse. He also found a large number of rabbits, but these did not fire his inspiration. A television director, Swan was searching for Scottish music, yet when he found it, he also set a change of career in motion.

With *Mo-Di*, Mouth Music have now passed the second album stage. This is miraculous for a band which has kidnapped the accompanied traditional songs of the Western Isles and transported them to a world of synthesizers. Perhaps this is the revenge of history, since "mouth music" is a term dating from the 18th century, when musical instruments were banned in Scotland and dancers had to make do with a singer.

On South Uist, nearly three centuries of going it alone has enabled singers to carry a lot of weight. Swan had been moved by a singer named Talitha Mackenzie, and after recording some music with her for his own film, he expanded the project into a working band.

There were some detractors among the Gaelic community, but Mouth Music found an unusually warm reception for their heinous leap across the centuries. "Blue Door Green Sea", the music for a Drambuie television advertisement, certainly helped. The commercial won an award and Mouth Music joined the ranks of bands in search of a hit single after seducing the public with an ad.

Meanwhile, singers departed and arrived. Currently working with Jackie Joyce and Michaela Rowan, along with a rhythm section, Swan now downplays Gaelic source material, throwing all his enthusiasms — from hip-hop and dance to Senegalese drumming and Scritti Politti — into the mix.

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Who makes which model where? **Kevin Eason** examines the trend among multi-nationals

Cars that break down boundaries

That new Mitsubishi standing in the showroom has all the hallmarks of a Japanese quality car. You could imagine a Japanese car worker proudly *shining up the sleek bodywork*. But this Mitsubishi has been nowhere near Japan. It comes from Australia.

The Sigma estate, new in Britain this month, is the latest in a line of cars coming on to the market in disguise. The badge says Mitsubishi, one of Japan's biggest corporations, but the metal comes from Adelaide.

Mitsubishi is among many car-makers confusing the issue of who-makes-what-where. Honda sells cars in Britain which *come from* a Rover factory in Birmingham, and a French-badged Peugeot on sale in Paris is likely to have been made at Ryton, Coventry. Confused? You have every right to be.

The web of car manufacturing across the globe is now so complicated that it is little use looking for a national stamp under the bonnet. Even if the car is built next door, the 3,000 components from which it is made may have come from far and wide.

Nissan makes cars in England and ships them to Japan. Ford makes the new Mondeo in Belgium, but its engines come from Britain. The age of the multi-national manufacturer has virtually ended the concept of a one-nation car.

Even if a manufacturer has a strong home base, the chances are now that it has to co-operate with a competitor to cope with spiralling development costs. About £1 billion is the minimum that it costs to develop a new model up to its market launch, so Mercedes works with Mitsubishi, Volvo with Renault, Rover with Honda, Ford with Mazda, Ford with Nissan and so on.

A few manufacturers, particularly the Germans, have been able to retain their national identity... but the times are changing even for them. The mighty Daimler-Benz has been scouring Europe for component suppliers, while BMW is going the whole hog and building a car plant in America. Audi may follow.

There is nothing new in global manufacture. The old Austin corporation was among the first to supply the fledgling Japanese motor industry. But predictably, the Japanese have refined the trend, and they now produce around the world, notably in Britain and America. They were quick to realise that although cars developed in Japan were reliable, their styling and handling characteristics could be alien to buyers in Europe and America.

The Japanese were also driven by a need to overcome trade barriers. A plant in northeast England gives them access to the European Community nations.

A voluntary agreement still, however, limits imports into Britain of cars made in Japan — *to 11 per cent of new car* sales. But Nissan, by acquiring a plant in Britain that can make more than 250,000 cars this year, is able to increase the supply of its vehicles.

The quota is hitting Mitsubishi. With no local production, it has seen its quota drop in the past three years as new car sales have fallen. The company says that it could sell more cars than it is allowed to import; it has waiting-lists of up to six months for some models.

The new Sigma estate is one answer. Coming from Australia, it is outside the quota agreement. The same applies to Honda's Accord Aerodeck estate and coupé models, which come from the United States. They are additional to *the quota as they come from* outside Japan.

These cars are a reflection of the trend towards one-model plants. Manufacturers want to get big volumes from their assembly lines. Where an estate, coupé or saloon is particularly popular in the domestic market, the local plant is likely to find it is responsible for developing a variant for the rest of the world — as is, for instance, Mitsubishi's Adelaide plant.

Station wagons are the most popular model variant in Australia, so Adelaide was given *the job of making an estate* version for all Mitsubishi markets. The global sales help to *make the Adelaide operation* viable, even though it is tiny by world standards: turning out about 50,000 cars a year. The benefits of centralising costs, or even sharing them, has become clear to Ford of Britain. The nation's biggest vehicle maker launches three cars this year, but not one of them is made in Britain.

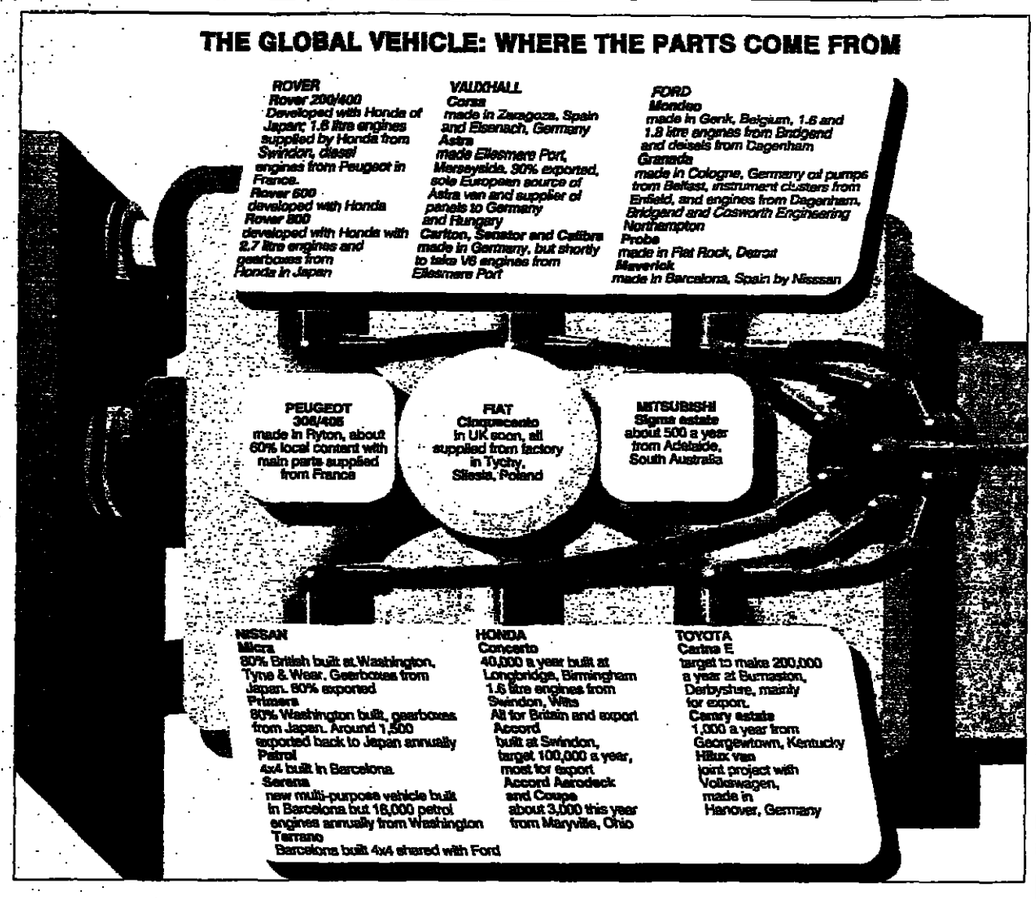
First for delivery is the Maverick or Terrano, whichever you choose. The vehicle, a 4x4 competitor for Land Rover, is a joint project between Ford and Nissan, built by Nissan in Barcelona.

Next comes the Probe, a successor to the old Dagenham-built Capri, which disappeared about five years ago. The Probe is being supplied by Ford's American business.

Most important of the three, though, is the Mondeo, the mid-range car which promises to be a bestseller. Some British buyers, however, will be reluctant to buy a car made in Genk, in Belgium, when it could have been made here. Ford moved the Mondeo's predecessor, the Sierra, out of Dagenham and over to Belgium to gain the benefits of a one-model plant making big volumes of cars for Europe.

So has Ford deserted Britain? Well, *the Mondeo's 1.6* and 1.8-litre Zeta engines come from Bridgend, South Wales, and the diesel engines from Dagenham, Essex. So British jobs depend on the Mondeo as surely as jobs in Belgium.

THE GLOBAL VEHICLE: WHERE THE PARTS COME FROM



ROADWISE

Sales on the up

☐ MOTOR manufacturers and dealers have been heartened by sales which rose *16 per cent in February* compared to 12 months ago, and this week comes news from the vehicle information organisation, HPI, that sales really are picking up.

New car sales on credit are up by almost 10 per cent so far this year, and the HPI chairman, Dr Brian Bailey, says: "Following indications that the slump had bottomed out in the latter part of last year, finance sales have rallied in the first two months of 1993, which bodes well for the motor industry in the long term."

A kind budget from the Chancellor next week can only help further, says HPI.

Slow progress

☐ *THE use of 20mph zones* in urban areas is paying life-saving dividends. Kenneth Carlisle, the roads and traffic minister, this week inaugurated the fiftieth such zone, in Poole, Dorset.

Fast work

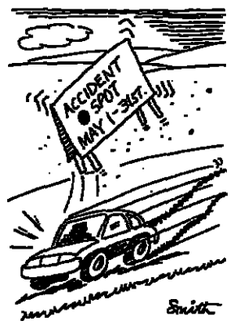
☐ VAUXHALL'S all-new V6 version of its best selling Cavalier has now gone on sale. Prices start at £16,085 *for the 2.5-litre manual V6* saloon, which includes as standard equipment driver-side air bag, twin side-impact door beams, anti-lock brakes, plus alarm, deadlocks, and engine immobiliser. The V6 engine built at Vauxhall's all-new £190 million Ellesmere Port plant in Cheshire takes the car to a top speed of 146 mph, and from 0-60 mph in under eight seconds.

Safe video

☐ FORD is now in the video business. The car giant has just received the International Visual Communications Association gold award for its safety video, *You Can Save Lives Too.* The video can be loaned from the Ford library, and further information is available from Elizabeth Pelling, Ford Motor Company Ltd, Brentwood, Essex, CM13 3BW.

Nuts in May?

☐ DON'T use the M25 in May, and you would be better off driving anti-clockwise if you want to avoid accidents. According to the AA, May notches up more M25 incidents (47 against December's 22) than any other month. Last year, there were 403 crashes and incidents on the motorway, 206 clockwise to 197 anti-clockwise. *The grimmest*



sections are between Junctions 27 and 28 (M11 and A12) in Essex, where there were *39 crashes last year*, the stretch between Exits 5 and 6, which saw 23 accidents, and between Junctions 9 and 10, where there were 19 crashes.

Mustard hot

☐ DUBIOUSLY coloured in mustard yellow, 30 Land Rover Discoveries and Defenders have left the Solihull factory to take part in this year's Camel Trophy rally.

The cars are being *shipped out to the Malaysian state of Sabah*, where the rally begins on May 5. The 16 competing teams, all in Discoveries, will take two weeks to cover the 750-mile jungle course.

A worthy competitor

There is only one way to find out whether a luxury car *built in Australia* can perform — and that is to drive it over the dirt and *bumps of the outback*.

The Mitsubishi Sigma estate arrives in Britain this *month, sent from* Adelaide. I saw the car in its home setting, and put it through four punishing days of driving over nearly 2,000 miles.

The Sigma estate is a new attempt by a nation better known for sun, surf and soaps to be taken seriously as a car manufacturer. The last time Australian-built Sigmas came to Britain was ten years ago. Then known as Lonsdales, the cars were a step back in time, and they failed to find buyers.

This year, the story will be *different. This Australian Sigma* is a worthy competitor for Volvo, Mercedes and the Audi 100, which was used as the benchmark for quality and *performance*.

Unusually for a Japanese-run operation, the Adelaide factory displays a lot of independence from the Japanese way. There are no *kaizen* (constant improvement groups), there is no dress-code and the factory is less extensively automated than most of the newest plants. Instead, there is a relaxed, friendly atmosphere.

That typical Australian attitude is refreshing, but it raises a doubt about whether relaxed car workers will be able to *match the best for quality*.

The Adelaide engineers have also been free to tinker with the original Mitsubishi Sigma. Although the front suspension is the same as that of the Japanese-built saloons which, for example, come to *this country*, the estate has a new five-link torsion axle with trailing arms and Panhard rod at the back. This helps keep the luggage entrance low and maximises load space.

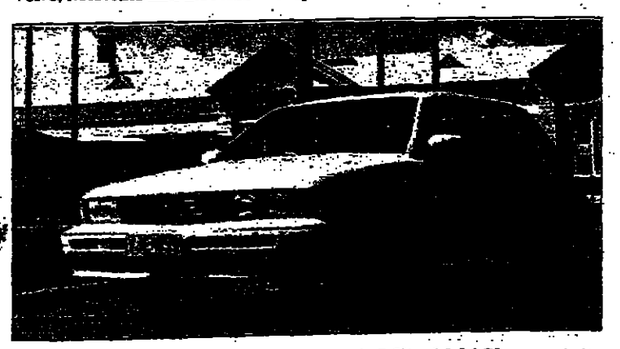
There is the fear that the big boot comes at the expense of stability, ride and handling. Not so. The 3-litre V6 Sigma was smooth and refined over tarmac. It also proved remarkably durable on a 250-mile trip to the outback north of Adelaide. After 150 miles, the tarmac ran out and I was *forced to drive on* rough dirt roads soaked by heavy rainfall.

The roads were rutted and slippery enough to test any car to the limit but the front-wheel-drive Sigma was easily able to cope with the test. If rattles and squeaks were going to emerge, then there was no more likely time. There was not a *sound to report* except the roar of the radials on dirt and the six-speaker stereo.

From Adelaide, there was a nine-hour slog to Narrandera, largely on roads that were long, *flat and* deserted. A breakdown would be disastrous. But the Sigma barely broke sweat, even at 90F. *Thanks to air-conditioning*, the driver also stayed as cool as a "tinnie" in the fridge.

From Narrandera, I took the car north towards Sydney and then on to the long Pacific Highway up to Brisbane. Now the road took the Sigma through mountainous terrain, requiring a flexible gearbox. Still there was no way to wrong-foot this car. Indeed this estate feels and looks well-proportioned, drives beautifully and has a functional and comfortable interior.

Drive for four days and you know if the driver's seat is a back-breaker or if the switchgear is in the wrong place. But everything in the Sigma is where it should be, including nearly 170hp under the bonnet. When drivers go to choose their next estate, they will inevitably search out the big Volvos and Audis. There will be only 500 Sigmas available in the UK this year, making the car desirably different — a real "beaut".



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Pricing row in new turn

Is it still cheaper to buy a vehicle on the Continent? A new report says not

For the past three years, *consumer groups* have fiercely criticised the pricing of cars, saying that motorists in Britain have been forced to pay far more than their road-using counterparts elsewhere in Europe buying similar vehicles.

The Monopolies and Mergers Commission published a report into car pricing last year which was acclaimed both by the manufacturers, who said their prices were fair, and the critics, who said they were too high.

This week, figures from Vauxhall suggested that UK motorists are getting the best deal in Europe, but the Consumers' Association has responded by accusing Vauxhall of cynically timing the release of the figures, which look good now only because of the value of the plunge in the value of the pound.

Vauxhall says that only in Italy and Spain are prices for a typical Astra 1.4GL lower than they are in Britain. List prices for the Astra are £8,200 in Italy, £8,500 in Spain and £8,929 in Britain, ranging up to £9,700 in *Germany. In fact*, says Vauxhall, the selling price in Britain is even lower since *motorists are* usually able to haggle, discounts which average 7 per cent, worth an *extra* £600 off the dealer's asking price. Discounts on the Continent can be as low as 2 per cent.

But the Consumers' Association's *Which?* magazine dismisses Vauxhall's criticism of the Brussels-based European Consumers Group, which has *alleged that some car prices in* Britain are as much as 60 per cent higher than those in the *rest of Europe*. Vauxhall says the consumers group has not always been comparing like *with like*.

Simon Hinde, senior editor of *Which?*, says: "The prices Vauxhall gives are hardly surprising, given that the pound has fallen by 20 per cent in recent weeks, and so car price differences have been wiped out.

"This is a quite cynical exercise to take advantage of circumstances brought about by Black Wednesday.

"It is significant that Vauxhall are doing this now when manufacturers have for many years been saying that such comparisons between cars sold in different countries are not possible."

David Wallace, Vauxhall's director of business planning, says: "Apart from demonstrating that UK customers should not expect to pay more for their car than their European counterparts, the study also shows that any car price variations are not caused by the way manufacturers and dealers distribute their vehicles."

Vauxhall concedes that currency fluctuations have affected prices, but says it had always planned to publish the report this week.

It seems the row is sure to rumble on and the advice to the motorist can only be to continue shopping around for the best deal.

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Consent is no defence to sado-masochistic assault

Regina v Brown (Anthony)
Regina v Lucas (Saxon)
Regina v Jaggard
Regina v Laskey (Colin)
Regina v Carter

Before Lord Templeman, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Lowry, Lord Mustill and Lord Slynn of Hadley

[Speeches March 11]

The consent of the willing recipient of sado-masochistic acts of violence did not constitute a defence to charges of assault occasioning actual bodily harm contrary to section 47 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861 and of wounding contrary to section 20 of the Act.

The House of Lords so held, Lord Mustill and Lord Slynn dissenting, in dismissing appeals by five men from a dismissal by the Court of Appeal (Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Rose and Mr Justice Potts) (*The Times* February 21, 1992) of their appeals against conviction on pleas of guilty following a ruling by Judge Rant, QC, at the Central Criminal Court on November 7, 1990.

The House answered in the negative the question certified by the Court of Appeal: "Where A wounds or assaults B occasioning him actual bodily harm in the course of a sado-masochistic encounter, does the prosecution have to prove lack of consent on the part of B before they can establish A's guilt under section 20 and section 47 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861?"

Mr Lawrence Kershaw, QC, Mrs Pauline Hendy and Miss Eleanor Sharpston for Brown; Lady Mallalieu, QC, Mr Adrian Fulford and Miss Eleanor Sharpston for Lucas and Jaggard; Miss Anna Worrall, QC, Mr Gibson Grenfell and Miss Eleanor Sharpston for Laskey; Mr Ronald Thwaites, QC, Mr Jonathan Lurie and Miss Eleanor Sharpston for Carter; Mr Nicholas Purnell, QC and Mr David Spens for the Crown.

LORD TEMPLEMAN said that the authorities dealing with the intentional infliction of bodily harm did not establish that consent was a defence to a charge under the 1861 Act. They established that the courts had accepted that consent was a defence to the infliction of bodily harm in the course of some lawful activities.

The question was whether the defence should be extended to the infliction of bodily harm in the course of sado-masochistic encounters.

Counsel for the appellants argued that consent should provide a defence because every person had a right to deal with his body as he pleased. That did not provide a sufficient guide to the policy decision which now had to be made. It was an offence for a person to abuse his own body by taking drugs.

In any events the appellants did not mutilate their own bodies. They inflicted bodily harm on willing victims. Suicide was no longer an offence but a person who assisted another to commit suicide was guilty of murder or manslaughter.

There was no evidence to support the assertion that sado-masochistic activities were essential to the happiness of the appellants or any other participants but the argument would be acceptable if sado-masochism were only concerned with sex, as the appellants contended. In his Lordship's opinion, it was not only concerned with sex it was also concerned with violence.

The evidence disclosed that the practices of the appellants were unpredictably dangerous and degrading to body and mind and were developed with increasing barbarity and taught to persons whose consents were dubious or worthless.

Drink and drugs were employed to obtain consent and increase enthusiasm. The victim was usually manacled so that the sadist could enjoy the thrill of power and the victim could enjoy the thrill of helplessness. The victim had no control over the harm which the sadist, also stimulated by drink and drugs might inflict. In one case a victim was branded twice on the thigh and there was some doubt as to whether he consented to or protested against the second branding.

The dangers involved in administering violence must have been appreciated by the appellants because, so it was said, each victim was given a code word which he could pronounce when excessive harm or pain was caused. The efficiency of that precaution, when taken, depended on the circumstances and the personalities involved. No one could feel the pain of another.

The charges against the appellants were based on genital torture and violence to the buttocks, anus, penis, testicles and nipples.

The victims were degraded and humiliated, sometimes beaten, sometimes wounded with instruments and sometimes branded. Bloodletting and the smearing of human blood produced excitement. There were obvious dangers of serious personal injury and blood infection.

Prosecuting counsel informed the trial judge against the protests of defence counsel that although the appellants had not contracted AIDS, two other members of the group had died from AIDS and one other had contracted an HIV infection although not necessarily from the practices of the group.

Some activities involved excrement. The assertion that the instruments employed by the sadists were clean and sterilised could not have removed the danger of infection and the assertion that care was taken demonstrated the possibility of infection. Cruelty to human beings was on occasions supplemented by cruelty to animals in the form of bestiality.

It was fortunate that there were no permanent injuries to a victim although no one knew the extent of harm inflicted in other cases.

It was not surprising that a victim did not complain to the police when the complaint would involve him in giving details of acts in which he had participated. Doctors of course were subject of a code of confidentiality.

In principle there was a difference between violence which was incidental and violence which was inflicted in the indulgence of cruelty. The violence of sado-masochistic encounters involved the indulgence of cruelty by sadists and the degradation of victims.

Such violence was injurious to the participants and unpredictably dangerous. His Lordship was not prepared to invent a defence of consent for sado-masochistic encounters which bred and glorified cruelty and resulted in offences under sections 47 and 20 of the 1861 Act.

Counsel had submitted that since gross indecency charges were time barred the police acted unfairly when they charged the appellants with offences under the 1861 Act. But there was no reason for the police to refrain from pursuing the charges under the 1861 Act merely because other charges could not be pursued.

Indecency charges were connected with sex. Charges under the 1861 Act were concerned with violence. The violence of sadists and the degradations of the victims had sexual motives but sex was no excuse for violence.

His Lordship rejected the argument that the activities of the appellants were exercises of rights in respect of private and family life as protected by article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights or that article 7 was of any relevance. Article 8 did not invalidate a law which forbade violence which was intentionally harmful to body and mind.

Society was entitled and bound to protect itself against a cult of violence. Pleasure derived from the infliction of pain was an evil thing. Cruelty was uncivilised.

LORD JAUNCEY, agreeing, said that although the reasoning in *R. v. Donovan* ([1934] 2 KB 498) and *Attorney General's Reference (No 6 of 1980)* ([1981] QB 715) differed, the conclusion from each of them was clear: that the infliction of bodily harm without good reason was unlawful and that the consent of the victim was irrelevant.

Wilson v Pringle ([1987] QB 237) showed that if the appellants' activities in relation to the victims were unlawful they were also hostile and the necessary ingredient of assault was present.

A line had to be drawn somewhere between those injuries which a person could consent to have inflicted upon himself and those which were so serious that consent was immaterial.

In his Lordship's view, that line properly fell to be drawn between assault at common law and the offence of assault occasioning actual bodily harm created by section 47 of the 1861 Act with the result that the consent of the victim was no answer to anyone charged with the latter offence or with contravention of section 20 unless the circumstances fell within one of the known exceptions such as organised sport, parental chastisement or reasonable surgery.

There was nothing in either section 20 or 47 to suggest that consent was either an essential ingredient of the offence of a defence thereto.

In considering the public interest it would be wrong to look only at the activities of the appellants alone. The House had to consider the possibility that homosexual sado-masochistic activities were practised by others who might not be so controlled and responsible as the appellants were claimed to be.

Wounds could easily become septic, the free flow of blood from a person who was HIV positive or had AIDS could infect another and an inflicter who was carried away by sexual excitement or by drink or drugs could very easily inflict pain and injury beyond the level to which the receiver had consented.

Furthermore, the possibility of proselytisation and corruption of young men was a real danger even in the case of the appellants and the taking of video recordings of such activities suggested that secrecy might not have been as strict as the appellants claimed.

His Lordship had no doubt that it would not be in the public interest that deliberate infliction of actual bodily harm during the course of homosexual sado-masochistic activities should be held to be lawful.

When Parliament passed the Sexual Offences Act 1967 which made buggery and acts of gross indecency between consenting males lawful it had available the *Wolfenden Report* (1957) (Cmnd 247) which was the product of an exhaustive research into the problem.

If it was to be decided that such activities as the nailing by A of B's foreskin or scrotum to a board or the insertion of hot wax into C's urethra followed by the burning of his penis with a candle or the incising of D's scrotum with a scalpel to the effusion of blood were injurious to neither B, C and D nor to the public interest, it was for Parliament with its accumulated wisdom and sources of information to declare them lawful.

LORD LOWRY, agreeing, said that the question of consent was immaterial, there were *prima facie* offences against sections 20 and 47 and the next question was whether there was good reason to add sado-masochistic acts to the list of exceptions contemplated in *Attorney General's Reference (No 6 of 1980)*. The answer was "No".

Sado-masochistic homosexual activities could not be regarded as conducive to the enhancement or enjoyment of family life or conducive to the welfare of society. A relaxation of the prohibitions in sections 20 and 47 could only encourage the practice of homosexual sado-masochism and the physical cruelty that it must involve by withdrawing the legal penalty and giving the activity a judicial imprimatur.

A proposed general exemption was to be tested by considering the proposed general effect. That had to include the possibility that some sado-masochistic activity, under the powerful influence of the sexual instinct, would get out of hand and result in serious physical damage to the participants and that some activity would involve a danger of infection.

LORD MUSTILL, dissenting, said that the case was about the criminal law of violence and in his opinion should have been a case about the criminal law of private sexual relations.

The conduct of the appellants and of other co-accused had been treated by the prosecuting authorities in three ways.

First there were those acts which fell squarely within the legislation governing sexual offences. Thus four of the men pleaded guilty to charges of keeping a disorderly house and one pleaded guilty to publishing obscene articles, namely video tapes.

The two remaining categories of conduct comprised private acts. Some were prosecuted and were now before the House. Others were not. If repugnance to general public sentiments of morality and propriety were the test, one would have expected proceedings in respect of the most disgusting conduct to be prosecuted with the greater vigour. Yet the opposite was the case.

Why was that so? Obviously because the prosecuting authorities could find no statutory provision apt to cover that conduct, whereas the sexual conduct which underlay the present appeals, although less extreme, could at least arguably be brought within sections 20 and 47 of the 1861 Act because it involved the breaking of skin and the infliction of more than trifling hurt.

That distribution of charges against the appellants at once sounded a note of warning. It suggested that the involvement of the 1861 Act was adventitious. That impression was reinforced when one considered the title of the statute.

Of course the House had to give effect to the statute if its words captured what the appellants had done, but in deciding whether that was really so it was legitimate to assume that the choice of the 1861 Act as the basis for the relevant counts in the indictment was made only because no other statute was found which could conceivably be brought to bear upon them.

His Lordship therefore approached the appeal on the basis that the convictions on charges which seemed so inapposite could not be upheld unless the language of the statute or the logic of the decided cases positively so demanded. Unfortunately the language of the statute was opaque and the cases few and unhelpful.

His Lordship concluded, upon consideration of the case law, that the House was free, as the Court of Appeal had not been, being bound by *Attorney General's Reference (No 6 of 1980)*, to consider entirely afresh whether the public interest demanded the interpretation of the 1861 Act in such a way as to render criminal under section 47 the acts done by the appellants.

It had to be emphasised that the issue before the House was not whether the appellant's conduct was morally right but whether it was properly charged under the 1861 Act.

Thus while many people if asked whether the appellants conduct was wrong would reply "Yes, repulsively wrong" that did not of itself mean that the prosecution of the appellants under the 1861 Act was well founded.

The question to be asked was whether there was a good reason to impress upon section 47 an interpretation which penalised the relevant level of harm irrespective of consent. That formulation of the question was very important for if it were differently stated it might yield a different answer.

In particular, if it were to be held that as a matter of law all infliction of bodily harm above the level of common assault was incapable of being legitimised by consent, except in special circumstances, then it would be necessary to consider whether the public interest required the recognition of private sexual activities as being in a specially exempt category.

That would be an altogether more difficult question and one which his Lordship would not be prepared to answer in favour of the appellants because it was a task which the courts were not suited to perform and which should be carried out, if at all, by Parliament after a thorough review of all the issues.

In the event, the question was not whether as a result of the decision of the instant appeal activities such as those of the appellants should cease to be criminal but rather whether the 1861 Act, a statute which was clearly intended to penalise conduct of a different nature, should in this new situation be interpreted so as to make it criminal.

His Lordship did not advocate the decriminalisation of conduct which had hitherto been a crime. The only question was whether those consensual private acts were offences against the existing law of violence. To that he returned a negative response.

LORD SLYNN, dissenting, said that he did not consider that any of the existing cases was conclusive in resolving the instant question. Those decisions were not in any event binding upon the House so the matter had to be considered as one of principle.

Consent could not be said simply to be a defence to any act which one person did to another. A line had to be drawn as to what could and could not be the subject of consent. That line had to be workable. It could not be allowed to fluctuate within particular charges and, in the interests of legal certainty, it had to be accepted that consent could be given to acts which were said to constitute actual bodily harm and wounding.

Accordingly, other than for offences of grievous bodily harm or death, consent could be a defence. That in no way meant that the acts done were approved of or encouraged. It meant no more than that they did not constitute an assault within the meaning of those two specific sections of the 1861 Act.

In the present case there was no doubt that there was consent; indeed there was more than mere consent. Astonishing though it might seem, the persons involved positively wanted, asked for, the acts to be done to them. All the accused were old enough to know what they were doing. The acts were done in private.

No one complained as to what was done. The matter came to the attention of the police coincidentally. The acts did not result in any permanent or serious injury or disability or any infection and no medical assistance was required even though there may have been some risk of infection, even injury.

The onus was on the prosecution to prove that there was no consent on the part of the person said to have been assaulted.

His Lordship concluded that as the law stood, adults could consent to acts done in private which did not result in serious bodily harm, so that such acts did not constitute criminal assaults for the purposes of the 1861 Act.

In the end it was a matter of policy in an area where social and moral factors were extremely important and where attitudes could change. It was a matter of policy for the legislature to decide.

It was not for the courts in the interests of paternalism or in order to protect people from themselves to introduce into existing statutory crimes relating to offences against the person, concepts which did not properly fit there.

Solicitors: Geffens, Walsall; J. P. Malmick & Co, Islington; Hughmans, Shakespeares, Birmingham; CPS, HQ.

Writ to be served during validity

Dagnell and Another v J. L. Freedman & Co (a Firm) and Others

Before Lord Templeman, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton, Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Mustill

[Speeches March 11]

The fact that the plaintiffs, trustees of a will, wished to make an application to the court for a *Beddoe* order (*In re Beddoe* ([1893] 1 Ch 547)) authorising the bringing of a proposed action against the defendants and thus safeguarding their position as to costs was not a good reason for failing to serve the writ on the defendants during the period of its validity.

The House of Lords dismissed appeals by the plaintiffs, Michael Peter Dagnell and Sidney Gould, from the Court of Appeal, who on October 22, 1991, by a majority (Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson, Lord Justice Staughton dissenting) had allowed appeals by the second defendant, Mr Julian M. Weider, and the sixth, seventh and eighth defendants, Mr Stephen Howard Brown, Mr Mitchell Simon Brown and Mr David Philip Brown, from Mr Justice Hoffmann.

The judge on February 14, 1991, had dismissed the defendants' appeals from Master Gowers, who on June 13, 1990, had dismissed the defendants' summonses for orders to set aside extensions of the validity of the plaintiffs' writ against the defendants made by him on August 11 and December 8, 1989.

Order 6, rule 8 of the Rules of the Supreme Court provides: "(2) Where a writ has not been served on a defendant, the court may by order extend the validity of the writ from time to time for such period, not exceeding 12 months at any one time ... as may be specified..."

Mr Peter Leaver, QC and Mr Jeffery Onions for the plaintiffs; Mr Martin Mann, QC and Mr Daniel Gerrans for the second, sixth, seventh and eighth defendants.

LORD BROWNE-WILKINSON said that the plaintiffs claimed against the former partners in Freedmans, which had since been dissolved, that Freedmans had been negligent in connection with the exercise of an option to renew a lease. A further lease had been granted by the then trustees and another on April 5, 1983. It followed that the plaintiffs' claim against the defendants had become time-barred at the latest by April 6, 1989.

The writ in the action had been issued on September 29, 1988, but had not immediately been served. The trustees had been advised that they ought to make a *Beddoe* application before pursuing it.

Shortly stated, a *Beddoe* application was directed to ensuring that trustees who, in defence of the trust estate, became involved in litigation with third parties were entitled to recover their costs out of the estate.

The originating summons in the *Beddoe* application had not been issued until March 21, 1989. A hearing date had been fixed for October 3, 1989, after the expiry of the limitation period and a few days after the validity of the writ would expire.

It had not been urged before the master or the judge that the plaintiffs had been guilty of any improper delay in issuing the *Beddoe* application or fixing the date for its hearing.

On August 11, 1989, the plaintiffs had been granted *ex parte* an extension of the validity of the writ until December 28. On December 8 a further extension had been granted until January 31, 1990.

In *Baly v Barrett* ([1988] NI 368, 416-417) Lord Brandon of Oakbrook had summarised the principles applicable to the exercise of the discretion conferred on the court by Order 6, rule 8(2) of the Rules of the Supreme Court to extend the period of a writ's validity. The power, he had said, should only be exercised for good reason.

It was established by *Waddon v Whitecroft Scovell Ltd* ([1988] 1 WLR 309) that, although what had to be shown was good reason for granting the extension of the writ, it was normally impossible to show such good reason without first showing good reason for the failure to serve the writ during the period of its validity.

The desire of a third party to complete litigation against third parties ("collateral litigation") did not normally provide a good reason for failure to serve the writ: *Battersby v Anglo-American Oil Co Ltd* ([1945] KB 23, 32).

The judge had expressly held that the *Battersby* principle did not apply to cases where the plaintiffs were trustees and the collateral litigation was a *Beddoe* application. He had treated the need for a *Beddoe* application as ordinarily providing good reason for an extension.

In his Lordship's judgment, there was no ground for treating a *Beddoe* application differently from other collateral litigation. The fundamental consideration was that a defendant had a right to be served with proceedings, if at all, within the statutory period of limitation plus the period for the validity of a writ.

The convenience of the plaintiff seeking to have other collateral proceedings determined first was not ordinarily good reason for impinging on that right of the defendant. Trustee plaintiffs, like other plaintiffs, might wish to secure their position as to costs, but that did not ordinarily justify denying defendants their normal right to be sued in due time.

If trustee plaintiffs wished to protect themselves against liability for costs by making a *Beddoe* application they had to do so, if possible, in good time. If time did not permit and, acting in accordance with the advice of competent counsel that they had a reasonable cause of action, they served the writ before a *Beddoe* order was obtained, no judge would hold that the costs incurred by so doing were not payable out of the trust estate as having been improperly incurred.

Accordingly, his Lordship agreed with the Court of Appeal that the judge had misdirected himself in law. The majority of the Court of Appeal had therefore been entitled to exercise their own discretion on the right basis and set aside the extensions of the writ. It was not for the House of Lords to review the exercise of such discretion.

Lord Templeman, Lord Oliver, Lord Goff and Lord Mustill agreed.

Solicitors: McKenna & Co; Ince & Co.

Lord Chancellor acted unfairly

Regina v The Lord Chancellor, Ex parte Hibbit and Saunders (a Firm) and Another

Before Lord Justice Rose and Mr Justice Waller

[Judgment March 11]

The Lord Chancellor's Department acted unfairly when processing tenders for provision of transcripts from certain courts it invited only certain tenderers to reduce their bids and not all the tenderers who satisfied all the non-financial criteria.

However, the decision of the Lord Chancellor awarding such a contract lacked a sufficient public law element to open it to challenge by way of judicial review.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated, dismissing an application by Hibbit and Saunders (a firm) and Mr Paul Saunders for judicial review of the decision of the Lord Chancellor on January 15, 1993 to award the contract for court reporting services for the Chelmsford group of courts to the firm of Barnett Lenton.

Mr David Pannick, QC, for the applicants; Mr Stephen Richards for the Lord Chancellor.

LORD JUSTICE ROSE said that the applicant firm had submitted a tender for the contract to supply the services of shorthand writers to the Chelmsford group of courts for the period of three years from April 1, 1993. The firm, which had provided services to the Chelmsford courts since 1907, was informed that its tender had been unsuccessful.

His Lordship said that, it seemed to him, that the procedures undertaken by the Lord Chancellor when deciding which tender to adopt were, in part at least, unfair.

His Lordship was prepared to accept that a secret monetary yardstick could be used for sifting tenders, but the condition concerning discussions was in a different category.

The wording of the instructions for tendering issued by the Lord Chancellor's Department, which stated the right to enter into discussions with tenderers to clarify bids, gave rise to a legitimate expectation on the part of the applicants that tenderers would not be able to submit reduced bids.

The applicants satisfied all the other criteria but were precluded from submitting a reduced bid. That was unfair and caused them prejudice.

His Lordship stated that although he found that the applicants had been treated unfairly, the crucial question was whether they were entitled to judicial review.

It was correct that the decision challenged affected many others apart from the applicants, but that could be said about any other large tendering operation. The fact that a commercial function was being performed did not take the matter outside the public law: see *R v Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Ex parte Vardy and Others* (*The Times* December 30, 1992)).

But it was not, in his Lordship's judgment, appropriate to equate tendering conditions attendant on a common law ability to contract, with a statement of policy or practice or policy decisions in the spheres of inland revenue, immigration and the like, control of which were the special province of the state.

His Lordship said that although the applicants had his sympathy and had been treated unfairly, it was impossible to give them the relief they claimed by way of judicial review because the decision challenged lacked a sufficient public law element.

Mr Justice Waller delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Bates, Wells & Braithwaite; Treasury Solicitor.

No duty on recovery prospects

Mitchell v Arkwood Plastics (Engineering) Ltd

An employee away from work through ill health was not under a duty to indicate his prospects of recovery to his employer.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal (Judge Hargrove, QC, Mr A. C. Blyghton and Mr R. H. Phipps) so stated on February 9 when allowing an appeal by an employee, dismissed after six months off work following an accident, from an industrial tribunal decision that he had not been unfairly dismissed.

JUDGE HARGROVE said that it had been submitted that the employers' failure to enquire about the employee's condition, in accordance with *East Lindsey District Council v Daubney* ([1977] ICR 566), had been placed on a par with the employee's failure to give any information. There was certainly no equivalent duty on an employee to indicate to his employer the prospects for his recovery. In any case there had been a series of doctor's certificates.

Two-year stock relief claim not valid

Bass Holdings Ltd v Money (Inspector of Taxes)

Before Sir Mervyn Davies

[Judgment March 1]

A claim for stock relief by a company for a 104-week period that encompassed periods covered by earlier claims was not a valid claim. Adopted solely for the purposes of making an out-of-time election for transitional relief under Schedule 10 to the Finance Act 1981, the 104-week period was not "a period of account" within the meaning of Schedule 9 to the Act.

Sir Mervyn Davies, sitting as a judge of the Chancery Division, so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal, but for different reasons, by Bass Holdings Ltd from a determination by special commissioners refusing a claim for stock relief for 104 weeks ending in September 1982.

Mr David Goldberg, QC, for Bass; Mr Alan Moses, QC and Mr Launcelot Henderson for the Crown.

HIS LORDSHIP said that section 35 of and Schedules 9 and 10 to the 1981 Act had introduced changes in the stock relief legislation. The Act had also provided for certain transitional relief.

An election for that relief had to be made by a claimant within two years of the end of a period of account, in Bass's case within two years of September 1981.

Bass had failed to consider electing in time. Thus on September 14, 1984 they had lodged their claim that included an election for transitional relief in relation to a 104-week period of account to September 25, 1982, that is a period exactly embracing the two 52-week periods in respect of which separate claims had already been made.

The commissioners upheld Bass's case that the 104 weeks was "a period of account" for the purposes of the legislation but concluded that Bass were not entitled to make a claim for a period of account that encompassed periods covered by earlier claims.

The Crown's case was that the period of account in which Case I profits of a trade were computed and used for corporation tax purposes had to be the same period as that in which trading stock was taken into account and in which stock relief was claimed and so had to be the same period in respect of which any election under Schedule 10 was made.

The references to "a period of account" in the legislation directed one's mind to a period of account in use by the company and not to any arbitrary, abstract or convenient period that the company might wish to adopt for stock relief purposes.

A claim for stock relief had to be for a period of account that was already in use by Bass and not one that was made up for the purposes of obtaining the relief.

The 104-week period of account was not a period of account in use by Bass.

The Crown's submission that the period of account used for corporation tax purposes had to be the same period as that in which trading stock was taken into account and had to be the same period as that referred to in paragraph 2 of Schedule 10 was correct.

A period of account for stock relief purposes thus meant, as to a company, any period of account used by the company for assessing Case I of Schedule D profits for corporation tax purposes.

The commissioners had erred in holding that the 104-week period covered by the 104-week account was "a period of account" for stock relief purposes.

Solicitors: Linklaters & Paines; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Risk of torture of potential deportee included in refugee Convention considerations

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Chahal

Before Mr Justice Potts

[Judgment February 12]

The risk of torture of an applicant who had failed to establish his refugee status was not a discrete issue for consideration by the Secretary of State for the Home Department but was to be implied under the Convention and Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees (1951) (Cmd 9171) and (1967) (Cmd 3906) as an aspect of persecution.

Mr Justice Potts so held in the Queen's Bench Division when refusing the application of Karamjit Singh Chahal for judicial review of the decisions of the Home Secretary (i) to refuse him refugee status and (ii) to deport him on the ground that his presence in the United Kingdom was not conducive to the public good.

Mr Nicholas Blake for the applicant; Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Robert Jay for the Home Secretary.

MR JUSTICE POTTS said that on August 14, 1990, the secretary of state gave notice that the applicant should be deported from the United Kingdom because his presence would not be conducive to the public good for reasons of national security and other political reasons, namely the international fight against terrorism.

The applicant sought asylum in the UK on the ground of a well founded fear of persecution in India. His position as an asylum seeker was governed by article 1(A)(2) of the 1951 Convention, as amended.

The test of refugee status was objective and was laid down in *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Sivakumaran* ([1988] 1 AC 958).

His Lordship, having reviewed the evidence, reached the conclusion that the secretary of state had given adequate reasons for concluding that the applicant had not satisfied him of his entitlement to asylum as a refugee. He had had regard to all the evidence and had judged that the applicant had not satisfied him that he had a well founded fear of persecution in India within the terms of the Convention.

That was a judgment that the secretary of state was entitled to make on the available material and his Lordship was unable to hold that it was inadequate or irrational. Were his Lordship to impugn it he would be substituting his judgment on the facts and the merits for that of the minister, which course was not open to him.

Mr Blake submitted that there were three grounds why the court should quash the decision to deport:

1 The information given to justify deportation appeared to amount to allegations threatening the national security of India, but amounted to no more that an unproven allegation of conspiracy to commit violence in the UK.

2 The applicant was entitled to the procedural protection of article 32(2) of the 1951 Convention; there were no compelling reasons of national security why he should not have been permitted to appeal against a decision to expel him on national security grounds.

3 Although a well founded fear of persecution might not be conclusive against expulsion, exposure to a real risk of torture would be. Mr Blake relied on article 3 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (1953) (Cmd 8969) and article 3 of the UN Convention against Torture and other Cruel Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (1984) and submitted that because of them the secretary of state was under a duty to address rationally and specifically the risk of torture when considering whether or not to deport.

His Lordship referred to section 3(5)(b) and 15(3) of the Immigration Act 1971, to the Immigration Rules (HC 251), to the European Convention on Human Rights and the 1984 UN Convention and said that neither of those Conventions formed part of English domestic law. Articles 32 and 33 of the 1951 Convention were, however, incorporated into English law by virtue of paragraphs 161 and 173 of the Immigration Rules.

His Lordship, relying on *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Hosenball* ([1977] 1 WLR 766, 783H-784H) said that the secretary of state was not required to place all details of evidence of matters of national security before the court. It was enough if he sufficiently identified the grounds on which he had, in the context of article 33(2), regarded the applicant as a danger to the security of the country. He was satisfied that the secretary of state had so done.

Since the applicant was not a refugee, and given the national security principle in *Hosenball*, the secretary of state was entitled to prefer the advisory procedure to that otherwise prescribed in article 32(2). It was not disputed that the decision to deport was in accordance with due process of law and his Lordship rejected the arguments advanced by Mr Blake on his second submission.

From paragraphs 162 and 167 of the Immigration Rules and *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Brind* ([1991] 1 AC 696, 648F-649B), his Lordship drew the conclusion that the secretary of state, having identified grounds for regarding the applicant as a danger to the security of the country, was required to balance the applicant's interests as identified in the 1951 Convention and those rules against those of national security.

Although the 1984 Convention and the European Convention were not part of domestic law, his Lordship, having regard to *Brind*, would expect the secretary of state to take the relevant provisions into account, had he not already considered the risk of the applicant's being exposed to torture as an aspect of persecution.

The primary judgment as to whether the public interest, that is requirements of national security, justified deportation when balanced against the interests of the applicant fell to be made by the secretary of state to whom Parliament had entrusted the discretion.

The secretary of state having made the primary judgment to deport, the court exercised a secondary judgment and asked whether a reasonable secretary of state on the material before him could reasonably make that primary judgment.

In so doing, the court could not judge the quality or weight to be attached to the evidence going to the risk to the national security posed by the applicant. The only person who could do that was the secretary of state who had all the available information. The court had to accept his assessment of the extent of the risk.

As to torture, the secretary of state had considered all the available material and had concluded that the applicant would be treated in accordance with the law if he came into the hands of the Indian authorities.

Accordingly, he was entitled, when weighing the applicant's interests against those of national security, to leave the risk of torture out of the scales. In his Lordship's judgment, however, he did not do that.

His Lordship accepted Mr Beloff's submission that torture was not in law or fact a discrete matter. Under the 1951 Convention it was implicitly an aspect of persecution. The Convention recognised the right of a state to expel on national security grounds a refugee when his life was threatened (article 33), *a fortiori* where the persecution threatened something less than life. It was difficult to envisage a threat of torture which was not also a threat to freedom.

His Lordship was satisfied on the whole of the available material that the secretary of state implicitly evaluated the risk of torture against the risk to national security and decided that the latter outweighed the former.

Further, he was satisfied that the secretary of state took into account all legally relevant considerations personal to the applicant and was entitled to conclude that the risk posed to national security was such as to deprive the applicant of the benefit of articles 32 and 33 of the 1951 Convention.

Solicitors: Winstanley Burgess; Treasury Solicitor.

World indoor championships offer Reynolds chance to prove point over drug claim

Athletics looks to banish shadow of Ben Johnson

FROM DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT
IN TORONTO

IF ATHLETICS could rewrite its recent history, it would do something about the last four months. A court drama, financial squabbling and Ben Johnson, The Sequel have put the sport through the mangle. How the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) needs a rescue act from its fourth world indoor championships, which begin here today and end on Sunday.

All three controversies have followed the IAAF into town. Butch Reynolds, who in December was awarded $27.3 million in damages against the IAAF by an American court, is here for his first international championship since the drugs ban that led to his legal wrangling with the world governing body. Rubbing salt into the IAAF wound, he will probably win the 400 metres.

The bickering over prize-money rumbles on, with the International Association of Athletes' Representatives (IAAR) using the championships as an opportunity to meet to formulate its next move. The IAAR wants championship prize-money paid, but the IAAF has refused, leaving the agents to raise the prospect of their athletes boycotting the outdoor world championships when they are held in Stuttgart this summer.

The United States has made a token gesture here by paying prize-money to its medal winners, but, at $5,000 for a gold, that represents loose change compared with the figures the IAAR has in mind. It was only hearsay, Tom Jennings, the IAAR secretary, said yesterday, but he understood that Primo Nebiolo, the IAAF president, was considering an agreement whereby $60,000 per event would be paid in future. Much less than the IAAR had hoped for, but a moral victory.

Toronto is Johnson's home town and how ironic it is that the championships should be staged here with news of his life ban for an alleged second drugs offence still hot.

The IAAF's failed attempt to keep the Johnson case quiet may be construed as an attempt to prevent a shadow falling over these championships, but the second irony is that ticket sales have almost doubled in the last week as athletics has hit the headlines. At the SkyDome, the venue of the championships, baseball pulls them in but track leaves them cold.

The Canadian team will not miss Johnson, at least not the post-1988 version. Though quicker this season, he was still not Canada's No. 1 sprinter. Canada's greatest regret must be that Mark McKoy, the Olympic sprint hurdles champion, is not entered for the 60 metres. He would have challenged another Canadian, Bruny Surin, for the gold medal, but will instead concentrate on upsetting Britain's strongest candidate for victory, Colin Jackson, in the 60 metres hurdles.

In the absence of Linford Christie, Carl Lewis and Andre Cason, the world record holder and world champion, the 60 metres is thin, providing a chance for young Jason John to make a grand entrance for Britain. But Frankie Fredericks and Dennis Mitchell, second and third behind Christie in the Olympic 100 metres, should be Surin's challengers.

Britain has four athletes with shouts on victory. They are Jackson, Steve Smith (high jump), Jonathan Edwards (triple jump) and Yvonne Murray (3,000 metres). Tom McKean, in a weak 800 metres, and John Mayock, in the 3,000 metres, may snatch medals.

There are only nine Olympic champions here and most events are not truly representative of world strength. Two exceptions are the men's hurdles and high jump. Jackson has not only McKoy but Tony Dees and Greg Foster, of the Unites States, to worry about. Smith, 19, faces Olympic gold and silver medal winners, Javier Sotomayor and Patrik Sjoberg, as well as Sorin Matei, Hollis Conway, Charles Austin and Yuriy Sergiyenko and there should be no medal for anyone under 2.35 metres. Smith's indoor best is 2.36 metres.

Interesting, too, will be whether the Irishmen, Marcus O'Sullivan (1,500 metres) or Frank O'Mara (3,000 metres) can win a third world indoor title, or whether the Russian, Mikhail Shchennikov, can become the first man to win four world golds by taking the 5,000 metres walk. Stefka Kostadinova, in the high jump, is trying to become the first woman to four gold medals.

Yet the highlight of the women's competition should be the sprints. Can Irina Privalova, of Russia, who set a world record of 6.92sec this season, hold off the Olympic champion, Gail Devers? Favourite for the 200 metres, Privalova could become the first woman to achieve the sprint double.

☐ The pole vault world record holder, Sergei Bubka, of Ukraine has withdrawn from this weekend's championships because of a heel injury. In February, Bubka achieved the 34th world record of his career by clearing 6.15 metres in Kiev to set a new indoor standard. Earlier this month in Spain, however, Bubka could manage only 5.91 metres.

After failing to capture the Olympic title he was expected to win in Barcelona, it will be another disappointment for the undisputed world leader, but Bubka has never been known not to bounce back and already has his sights on retaining his world outdoor title in Stuttgart.

TODAY: Men: 60 metres, shot. Women: 60 metres, long jump.
TOMORROW: Men: 1,500 metres; 4 x 400 metres; long jump; triple jump; pole vault. Women: 3,000 metres; 3 kilometres walk; 4 x 400 metres; high jump.
SUNDAY: Men: 200 metres; 400 metres; 800 metres; 3,000 metres; 60 metres hurdles; 5 kilometres walk; high jump. Women: 200 metres; 400 metres; 800 metres; 1,500 metres; 60 metres hurdles; shot; triple jump.

CHRIS BARRY



Golden boy: Jackson offers Britain's best hope of victory in Toronto

Marshall No. 1 for new event

BY COLIN MCQUILLAN

THE first championship of the newly formed British Squash Professionals' Association (BSPA), which is due to finish in Bromley at the end of the month, will provide a tough test for those who might have expected some establishment protection under the auspices of the spurned Squash Rackets Association (SRA).

Three former British champions, the Scottish champion and the losing finalist from the English national championship in January will be required to qualify for the main draw of the BSPA championship. It is being billed as the alternative British title by those who boycotted the English event and is seeded according to the world ranking list of the Professional Squash Association.

Peter Marshall, the last British closed champion under SRA rules, has been seeded No. 1 for the final stages in Bromley, with Chris Walker, Simon Parke and Mark Maclean aligned behind him in the main draw.

But Del Harris, the British champion in 1987 and 1989, is likely to meet Paul Carter, the 1988 British champion, in one qualifying final while Paul Gregory, the 1991 British champion, faces the new Scottish champion, Peter Nicol, in another.

Of the top 20 in Britain, only the English champion, Philip Whitlock, has decided against entering the BSPA event. Mark Allen, the man he defeated in the boycotted national final, is required to qualify for a first-round place in Parke's quarter of the main draw.

At least two of the champions must be lost from the first round and, with Marshall and Walker already designated as main draw opponents for the two who might qualify, further progress is far from assured.

Walker, with Tony Hands, has been the driving force behind the formation of the BSPA and its challenge to the SRA's control of player affairs.

O'Connell shows true form to share first-round lead

FROM MEL WEBB
IN SANTA PONSA
MAJORCA

THE uncertainly tempered Santa Ponsa course claimed its share of victims on the first day of the Balearic Open yesterday but was unable to sink its fangs into the four leaders, who came in with scores of 69, three under par.

The top of the leaderboard was shared by Steen Tinning, of Denmark, Eoghan O'Connell, of Ireland, Ruben Alvarez, of Argentina, and David Curry, who hails from nowhere more exotic than Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Santa Ponsa has had its problems over the years and, in 1990, was in such poor condition that the tournament had to be moved to another course. It is in better shape this year but its fairways, in places the same dun colour as the rump of a Jersey cow, have to be playing better than they look.

Tinning, out on a sunless morning, dropped a shot on the 1st after going through the green with his second shot. He recovered by hitting a seven-iron to three feet on the 3rd for a birdie and turned in 34 after a single putt from six feet on the 6th and a monster from 50 feet on the next.

Two more birdies followed on the 13th and 17th but he finished as he had begun — a bogey conceded after he had driven into the left rough and failed to hit the green with his second.

Many predicted great things for O'Connell when he turned professional in 1990, after a glittering amateur career that included a part in Great Britain and Ireland's first Walker Cup win on American soil, but he has failed to live up to expectations.

Four birdies in his last 12 holes — none of them needing more than a two-foot putt — underlined the fact that he feels he is at last beginning to get to grips with the demands of life as a tournament professional.

Curry, too, was once a brilliant amateur — Amateur champion and Walker Cup player. Like O'Connell, he has not had an easy ride in the paid ranks and he won his place on the Tour this year by finishing nineteenth on his third visit to the qualifying school in November. He had three bogeys but put himself in credit with six birdies.

After the exploits of all those bright young things, it was a little heart-warming to see one old lag making good. Howard Clark, making his first appearance of the season after undergoing surgery on his right elbow in November, was like a child with a new toy. In his case, the amusement came from being able to hit the ball without pain for the first time in several years.

Clark had a sharp short game to thank for his level-par 72. He started at the 10th and immediately dropped a shot but then chipped the ball dead on the 13th and birdied the hole to get the stroke back. Pars, some comfortable, some scrambled, ensued to the end.

Bluff Yorkshireman that he usually is, he allowed himself a small smile when it was all over. "It wasn't pretty but I managed to hold it together with my sand-wedge," he said. Age and experience, it is gratifying to note, are not always to be sniffed at.

☐ Caroline Hall, an outstanding amateur golfer in 1992, makes her first appearance as a professional in the Roehampton Gold Cup today.

After winning the English championship last season, Hall, 19, went on to anchor the British Isles team to a memorable victory over the Americans in the Curtis Cup match at Hoylake. She is one of 21 professionals in the Gold Cup field.

FIRST ROUND (G6 and tie unless stated): 69: S Tinning (Den), E O'Connell, D Curry, R Alvarez (Arg). 70: P Baker, D Cooper, J Parnevik (Swe), G J Turner (NZ), S Gaspperoni (It), J Rystrom (Swe), S McAllister, T Johnstone (Zim), F Lindgren (Swe), G Evans, R Rafferty, O Sellberg (Swe). 71: P Lawrie, S Field, K Waters, J Spence, I Palmer (SA), J-M Olazabal (Spain), M Davis, R Goosen (SA), M Clayton (Aus), D Basson (SA), M Guzman (Arg), A Gilmor (Swe), O Edelsten (Den), E Romero (Arg). 72: D Mikels (Can), M Persson (Swe), J van de Velde (Fr), P Price, P McGinley, J Haeggman (Swe), M Mackenzie, A Sherborne, F Nobilo (NZ), H Clark, P Broadhurst, M Sunesson (Swe), R Chapman, A Garrido (Sp), M Harwood (Aus), P Mitchell, D Smyth, S Richardson, H Selby-Green, T Garbutt, T Gogele (Ger).

Couples strolls to front with ease

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN FORT LAUDERDALE

FRED Couples is such a relaxed individual that he makes every round of golf look like a stroll in the sunshine and yesterday, in the first round of the Honda Classic at Weston Hills country club, the US Masters champion mooched to an opening 64, eight under par, to establish an early lead.

He was one ahead of David Jackson and two ahead of Fuzzy Zoeller. Nick Faldo shot 69 and Sandy Lyle 71.

Couples, beaten in a play-off by Corey Pavin last year, has yet to win this season but he has been in the top ten in his four outings so far and eight birdies and no bogeys would indicate that his game is in pretty good shape.

Faldo, the world No. 1 ahead of Couples in the Sony rankings, also has his game the way he likes it, although his putting is erratic. Yesterday, Faldo holed only three birdie putts in his 69 and missed quite a few, notably from ten feet at the 17th, after a majestic two-iron tee shot, and 12 feet at the last. "The tempo wasn't good enough on the putts," Faldo said. "And not enough were going in. Most of it's my fault, not the greens."

On what the Open champion described as a peach of a day, with barely a breath of wind to inconvenience the early starters, several players found birdies easy to come by, notably Mark Calcavecchia, one of Faldo's partners. He had birdies at the first four holes, to go out in 32, and, wielding a putter with a monstrous looking black head, moved to six under par after 15 holes, tied for the lead, before taking a double-bogey six at the 16th after going into the water.

Lyle's round was more up and down than Faldo's, with the finish positively Calcavecchian. Starting at the 10th, he double bogeyed the 178-yard 11th, where he flew the green with a six-iron and found his ball buried, and three-putted the 13th. "Three over par after four holes and I hadn't played badly," said Lyle, who was partnered with Jack Nicklaus again.

However, the Scot roared home in 32, with birdies at the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 8th and a bogey at the 9th, where he hit a three wood off the tee into the water. It was over-confidence, for he was taking the tightest of lines, chasing another birdie, and he was heavily punished for what he felt was a marginal misjudgement.

EARLY LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES (US unless stated): 64: F Couples. 65: D Jackson. 66: F Zoeller, R Dalpos. 67: B Glasson, B Estes. 68: M Calcavecchia, R Gamez, J Gallagher, D Mast. 69: L Ten Broeck, J Edwards, N Faldo (GB). 70: N Price (SA), R Zokol (Can), M Sullivan, M Dawson, A Bean, B Andrade, M Donald, E Dougherty, B Henninger. 71: M Reid, E Humenik, N Henke, A Lyle (GB). 72: D Pooley, W Wood, I Baker-Finch (Aus), R Cochran, M Hulbert, D Rummells. 73: J Nicklaus.

Will-power thwarts even the smoker soaker

Vivian Cherry reports from the yacht Coopers & Lybrand, on the latest stage of the British Steel Challenge round the world yacht race

Bruised and battered, during the past two weeks, the crew of Coopers & Lybrand has been well and truly baptised. This Southern Ocean leg from Hobart to Cape Town has been one depression after another, with little or no respite.

It is what we had all expected from the Roaring Forties but did not experience during the previous stage across the South Pacific. Winds of 40 knots are commonplace and the latest weather system topped that, blowing up to 60 knots. These constant gales have dealt the yacht and her crew a terrible battering, and led to a series of steering faults that has had the wheel pulling out from its pedestal.

The wind-powered spray lashes across the deck, dealing a piercing sting to skin. This is reinforced by constant green water scrubbing the decks clear of debris — usually humans tangled in rope — and washing out through the cockpit. The boat stops, shakes, then picks up speed and surges forward again, trembling in anticipation of the next awkward wave.

Those on deck are unrecognisable, their faces hidden behind hats, hoods, scarves and goggles. Only in the doghouse are their red faces uncovered, glowing with excitement and fear, to tell of the last enormous wave.

Gusts of 65 knots have us holding on tightly, with whoever is on the helm shutting their eyes and waiting for it to end. The waves have novel ways of outwitting us. There is the straight-on "biggie" that has no back to it. The yacht becomes airborne before belly-flopping into the trough ahead. Then there is the "mountain" — a big wave concealing an even greater one behind. The helmsman either shuts his eyes to avoid the smarting spray, or ducks behind the wheel, knowing that the motion will rip it out of his hands if he tries to hold on.

Our cockpit acrobatics team now includes Matt Steel-Jessop, Sam Wood, David Turner, Bertie Griffith, Arnie Malmberg and myself, all sporting a variety of bruises and swellings. Our show-stopping stunt is the inverted wheel spin — a stylish manoeuvre, but one in which the landings still require practice.



Coopers & Lybrand

We have taken to naming the waves. Along with the "belly-flop" and "mountain" is the "galley growler", the "bunk bouncer", and after the "smoker soaker" comes the "stern whip" and "corkscrew". The stern whip breaks over the stern quarter to give whoever is at the wheel a soaking. The ultimate, however, is the corkscrew, since there is no warning and no way out. Everything is wet. This ocean finds even the smallest pinprick.

Throughout it all, spirits remain high. We keep sailing at our best, gaining the odd mile on our rivals whenever we can. If will-power could win this race, we would be in Cape Town already.

Dreams of the tropics get stronger as we draw to within 1,300 miles of the Cape, but there are more depressing days ahead rattling around the Roaring Forties. This baptism is not over yet.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Australia play three Tests in S Africa

AUSTRALIA'S cricketers are to play three Test matches and eight limited-overs internationals when they tour South Africa next year, their first official visit to the Republic in 24 years. Australia were the last team to play a Test series in South Africa before the country was isolated from the international arena, although rebel Australian sides toured in the 1980s.

Ali Bacher, managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa, said yesterday: "The Australians have always played hard, competitive and attractive cricket. I have no doubt in my mind that they will be keen to avenge their 4-0 defeat in South Africa in 1970." Bacher captained the victorious South African team in 1970.

Australia, whose two-month tour starts next February, have four day-night matches among the eight limited-overs internationals and Tests in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban. The visit will be hard on the heels of a South African tour of Australia starting next November. Bacher said no agreement had been reached on neutral umpires or use of television replay facilities by a third umpire.

Fulham secure future

FOOTBALL: Fulham yesterday secured their future at Craven Cottage for at least the next ten years, putting an end to fears that this may be the club's last campaign at the stadium by the River Thames. Fulham will lease the ground from its owners, the Royal Bank of Scotland, with an option to buy it for £8 million during that period. The announcement follows five years of uncertainty over the site, which developers wanted to use to build houses and flats. The Fulham chairman, Jimmy Hill, said: "It is not VE Day but it is like El Alamein. It has been a big battle but we have come through it and we are now going in a new direction." The club also unveiled plans to develop an all-seater stadium with a capacity of 15,000 at Craven Cottage, and to construct 136 flats.

Tonks makes rule call

RUGBY UNION: Eddie Tonks, chairman of the New Zealand Rugby Union, yesterday accused the northern hemisphere countries of adopting a "head-in-the-sand" attitude to rule changes. Tonks, addressing the union's annual meeting, said: "The positive approach taken by coaches, players and referees in New Zealand and other southern hemisphere unions is to be applauded. They made the new rules work at very short notice. It's a pity our northern hemisphere colleagues did not approach the new laws in a similar vein and get on with the job, instead of trying to convince the rugby world that we should revert to what was a head-in-the-sand attitude."

Doncaster forced out

RUGBY LEAGUE: Doncaster are having talks about ground sharing with Doncaster Rovers football club next season after fire wrecked the main stand, bar facilities and gymnasium at Tattersfield, the third division club's home for 40 years. Police are treating the incident as arson. "It looks as if we have played our last match at the ground because it will not be worth the cost of rebuilding and paying a high insurance premium," Bryan Lamport, a club spokesman, said. Doncaster's remaining home league game is likely to be switched to Belle Vue. Widnes have recalled David Hulme at loose forward for the Silk Cut Challenge Cup semi-final against Leeds at Wigan, tomorrow.

Millfield appointment

SWIMMING: Paul Howe, the captain of the British men's team for the Olympic Games in Barcelona last year, has been appointed head coach to Millfield school in Somerset. Howe, 25, who has been a member of the British team for the last ten years, was selected ahead of at least three established senior coaches and will therefore be open to criticism from those who believe that an Olympic swimmer does not necessarily make a good coach. Howe has some firm ideas about how he will run the programme at Millfield and its "feeder" schools, Abbey prep and Edgerley Hall, but is keen that his swimmers do not attend American universities when their schooling ends.

Course criticised

SKIING: Kerrin Lee-Gartner, right, criticised the downhill course for the 1994 Lillehammer Winter Olympics yesterday as too easy. "This course doesn't show how well we can ski," the Olympic downhill champion, in training for weekend World Cup races, said. The men's World Cup downhill race cancelled in Aspen, Colorado, has been rescheduled for Kvitfjell, outside Lillehammer, on March 19.



Gautier nears finish

YACHTING: Alain Gautier is expected to arrive in Les Sables d'Olonne, France, today to win the second Vendee Globe single-handed round-the-world race after 110 days and almost 25,000 miles of racing. Yesterday, he reported his 60ft ketch, Bagages Superior, reaching at a steady 13 knots under spinnaker, mainsail, mizzen staysail and mizzen — a speed and spread of sail more normally associated with Whitbread racers crewed by up to 14 sailors. The Frenchman's late burst has not been enough to break Titouan Lamazou's record of 109 days and he will miss it by just a few hours. Only seven of the original 15 starters are still racing.

Comeback for Reid

CRICKET: Bruce Reid, the fast-medium bowler, will play for a Western Australia XI against England A in Perth today in an attempt to prove his fitness for Australia's tour of England this summer. It will be Reid's first game for his state since surgery on his left shoulder three months ago. Mark Waugh, the Australia batsman, is likely to be dropped for the third Test match against New Zealand, which starts today in Auckland. Damien Martyn may be given a chance in place of Waugh. Bruce Taylor, the former New Zealand player and national selector, said yesterday from a centre where he is being treated that he has a gambling addiction. Taylor resigned as selector last month.

Griffiths freed to tour

RUGBY UNION: Glanmor Griffiths, the former treasurer of the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU), has been cleared to resume his tour of the union's member clubs to talk about his dissatisfaction with the running of the game in Wales. But he agreed in the High Court yesterday "to confine disclosures to topics dealt with in a recent letter to members and the WRU's reply". Griffiths resigned in December, then opened fire on the governing body with a letter to all member clubs. The union followed with its own circular and Griffiths was invited to speak to gatherings of clubs, though subject to an injunction that prevented him from using supportive confidential documents.

RUGBY UNION

Ireland call for action replay from Cardiff XV

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

IRELAND'S selectors, relief washing over them after victory in Cardiff last weekend, yesterday named an unchanged XV to play England at Lansdowne Road on March 20, the final day of the five nations' championship. Michael Bradley thus wins his 29th cap and becomes his country's most capped scrum half, overtaking Mark Sugden's record, which has stood since 1931.

The match will decide if England retain the championship or whether it goes to France for the first time since 1989 if, as expected, the French beat Wales in Paris. The Welsh squad for that game will be named today, with substantial queries over the second and back rows of the scrum, and the half back combination.

Noel Murphy, the Irish team manager, said he was delighted to give a vote of confidence to the team which ended a run of 11 consecutive international defeats.

Ireland have stumbled upon a competitive pack, and suddenly also have a clutch of talented stand-off halves. Eric Elwood, with 11 points on his debut, was never likely to lose his place after taking over from Niall Malone, but many good judges believe David Humphreys, the Queen's University student who played in the A international against Wales, to be close to a cap.

The only amendment to the match squad is among the replacements, where Steven McKinty, the Bangor flanker, gives way to either Neil Francis or David Tweed. Francis, the enigmatic lock, must prove his fitness playing for Blackrock College against Young Munster in Limerick tomorrow, otherwise Tweed, of Ballymena, will be withdrawn from the A team that plays England at Donnybrook on March 19.

Earlier in the season Bradley's place seemed under threat, but an improved showing in the 19-14 win over Wales keeps out Rob Saunders and Fergus Aherne, who captains the A team. Aherne is one of four senior caps in that side, which shows only one change from the team that beat Wales A 29-28 in Newport last week.

Aidan White, of St Mary's College, plays at full back instead of Jim Staples, of London Irish, whose damaged shoulder will keep him out for the season.

In the third meeting of the weekend between the two countries, England Students have omitted players from Loughborough and Bristol universities because of their involvement in the UAU final two days earlier.

IRELAND: C P Clarke (Terenure College); R M Wallace (Garryowen), V J G Cunningham (St Mary's College), P P A Danaher (Garryowen), S P Geoghegan (London Irish); E P Elwood (Lansdowne), M T Bradley (Cork Constitution, captain), N J Popplewell (Greystones), T J Kingston (Dolphin), P M Clohessy (Young Munster), P T J O'Hara (Cork Constitution), P S Johns (Dungannon), M J Galwey (Shannon), W D McBride (Bangor), B F Robinson (London Irish). Replacements: B T Glennon (Lansdowne), N G Malone (London Irish), R Saunders (London Irish), N F J Francis (Blackrock College) or D Tweed (Ballymena), P D McCarthy (Cork Constitution), J N Murphy (Greystones).

IRELAND A: A White (St Mary's College); R Carey (Dungannon), B Walsh (Cork Constitution), M McCall (Bangor), N Woods (Blackrock College); D Humphreys (Queens University, Belfast), F Aherne (Lansdowne, captain), P Soden (Cork Constitution), B Mulcahy (Skerries), P Millar (Ballymena), K Potts (St Mary's College), J Etheridge (Northampton), D Tweed (Ballymena), L Toland (Old Crescent), N Mannion (Lansdowne). Replacements: M Ridge (Blackrock College), A McGowan (Blackrock College), A Matchett (Ballymena), S McKinty (Bangor), A McKeen (Lansdowne), A Adair (Instonians).

ENGLAND STUDENTS (v Irish Students, March 19): T Stimpson (Durham); J Sleightholme (Chester), W Greenwood (Durham), D Edwards (Loughborough), D O'Leary (West London IHE); A Handley (De La Salle), C Sawerfmuttu (Sheffield Hallam); S Brown (Gloucester and Cheltenham IHE), M Regan (Sandwell College), P Callow (Cambridge), C Tarbuck (West London IHE), A Meadows (Newcastle), R West (West of England), G Adams (Bath, captain), E Peters (Cambridge). Replacements: A Lee (Kingston), R Kitchen (Exeter), R Kellam (Portsmouth), R Fuller (Northumbria), S Shaw (West of England), R Jenkins (Cambridge)

Decision motivated by financial security

BARRY GREENWOOD



Jarring reminder: John Stringer, left, the general manager of Leigh, helps with distribution of fund-raising boxes at Hilton Park

Christopher Irvine looks at the implications of rugby league returning to two divisions next season

The inescapable conclusion from the decision of the Rugby League Council to revert to two divisions next season is of a game drifting. The growing financial swell is threatening to throw clubs overboard.

Only two years ago, the idea of three divisions represented rugby league's self-proclaimed emergence from the dark ages. In reverting to a recent failed past — two divisions of 16 teams is the fourth structural revision in eight years — the words "develop" and "prosper" have been uttered frequently by the sport's hierarchy.

By cutting out the so-called deadwood — Nottingham, Highfield and Chorley are at present in line for relegation to the wilderness of the Alliance reserves' competition — the feeling is that 32 professional clubs will provide a smaller but stronger base. Financial self-preservation, inevitably, was the motive behind the vote.

Times have rarely been as hard in the running of the professional code. In a period of unparalleled riches on the field, the backstage is dominated by the same chronic parochialism that has stymied development for 98 years.

Much of the money has gone the way of grossly inflated player contracts, leaving several clubs at the edge, and a burden of debt in the game nearing £10 million. Leigh, one of those in trouble, were among the 28 clubs to vote in favour. Two leagues means they will not be relegated next month from the first division.

But without an eleventh hour solution, the lights would have gone out at Hilton Park on May 28, the expiry date on the club's ground lease. Today, players' wages are scraped together by Tim Malloney, a haulage director and the club's main shareholder. After the last two home games, the ball boys returned their £2 fee.

The administrator, who moved in 18 months ago, wants a sale; Keith Bell, a former chairman, needs to recoup his £650,000 investment; and a top offer of £275,000 by Bill Parkinson, the club's local sponsor, has been rejected.

Starting again is an impossibility, while supporters shrink at the idea of ground-sharing with Warrington or Bolton Wanderers. A fighting fund is swelling, but not nearly enough. John Stringer, the general manager, said: "The offer matched the value of the ground. What more can we do if they don't relent on the asking price? The community has lost everything else, and now sees its most precious asset disappearing."

Of the 35 professional clubs, only Halifax and Highfield are in the black. For Widnes, who meet Leeds in the first Challenge Cup semi-final tomorrow, a visit to Wembley would improve their plight. After attempting to meet contracts for the likes of Jonathan Davies without sufficient means, the players have taken a cut of a third in their wages. Supporters are also being asked to give £5 a week towards a survival appeal.

A policy at Leeds of buying success has yet to pay back, while Wigan overspent by nearly half on a new £2 million stand and labour under a wage bill in excess of £1 million. Balance sheets at Warrington and St Helens show liabilities near to £500,000.

Meanwhile, there is a glut of players up for sale at unrealistic prices and no money to regenerate a lifeless transfer market. Lotteries have become lifelines for several clubs.

Maurice Lindsay, the chief executive of the Rugby Football League (RFL), said: "The game over-invested, overborrowed and assumed the good days would continue in the Thatcher era. It's only now that clubs are getting their act together," he said.

Lindsay plans a salary cap for each club within two years, scrutinising of player contracts by the RFL, and possibly introducing some form of minimum financial criteria by which clubs must abide.

☐ Chorley Borough were not in the last three in the lowest division for three seasons, as stated incorrectly in yesterday's paper. They finished seventh from bottom in 1990 and fourth from bottom the following year.

ICE SKATING

Russians bow to Canada pair

FROM MICHAEL COLEMAN IN PRAGUE

AN ERA of Russian domination ended on Wednesday night, perhaps only temporarily, when the Canadians, Isabelle Brasseur and Lloyd Eisler, won the pairs title at the world championships here.

Truth to tell, however, the best Russians are not here, though they will be in Lillehammer, Norway, next February at the winter Olympic Games.

Both the last Olympic pairs champions, Yekatarina Gordeyeva and Sergei Grinkov and Natalya Mihkutyonok and Artur Dmitryev, who have cashed in richly since their successes, have applied for reinstatement and will certainly get it. But Eisler, 30 next month, could not care less. "You can bring them all on, the more the merrier," he said.

It is nine years since Barbara Underhill and Paul Martini, also Canadians, broke the Russian stranglehold to score a home win in Ottawa. Last season Brasseur and Eisler, a team for seven years, were third in the world and at the Olympics. This year Brasseur, 22, held the landings of their throw jumps, triple salchow and triple toe loop and their aerial work was at its best.

The Germans, Mandy Woetzel and Ingo Steuer, took silver from Yevgenya Shishkova and Vadim Naumov.

In the dance original, the fourth-placed couple, Angelika Krylova and Vladimir Fyodorov, of Russia, overhauled the Finns, Susanna Rahkamo and Petri Kokko. This left three Russian couples in the lead before today's free dance final, led by Maya Usova and Alecksandr Zhulin and Oksana Grishchuk and Yevgeniy Platov. The British champions, Marika Humphreys and Justin Lanning, stayed eighteenth.

RESULTS: Pairs: Leading final positions: 1, I Brasseur and L Eisler (Can), 1.5pts; 2, M Woetzel and I Steuer (Ger), 3.5; 3, E Shishkov and V Naumov (Rus), 4.0; 4, R Kowalkowa and R Nowotny (Cz), 7.0; 5, J Mano and T Sand (US), 7.0; 6, M Elsaova and A Bushkov (Rus), 8.5. British result: 16, J Soames and J Jenkins, 25.0.

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Twickenham tipplers just a pint away from euphoria



FREUD ON FRIDAY

The Scots do it so well; you can tell their supporters at a distance of 60 yards in a drizzle. The kilt, the swagger, the long, woolly socks and the Tam o'Shanters. They walk like men saying: "We walk now because if all goes well, come tonight, we shall be able to walk no more."

At Twickenham, our silent majority had them outnumbered. You could tell the English by the absence of identifiable totems — though there were among our people some who wore a red rose, not realising that this passport has been hijacked by the Labour Party. And I saw a girl — in her twenties, tall, long straggly dark hair, National Health spectacles, off-white T-shirt; a girl for whom the London School of Economics would have to have been invented, did it not exist — who carried a flagpost bearing the cross of St George on a linen rectangle. She was the exception; the rule is to keep favours concealed beneath top-coats.

The regular gang was there also. Mounted police, looking grand; St John Ambulance, being concerned; special constables, apprehensive; and shady characters who offer to buy or sell tickets, croaking: "Any to spare?" followed by "who wants one?" The law of supply and demand in this commodity works on impressive margins in the hour prior to the kick-off.

From a socio-alcoholic point of view, the West Stand car park is the place to be. Arrive early, decant the trestle tables, cloths, bottles and glasses from the boot; bring out the ice cubes in their plastic housing, the lemon slices from their tupperware box ... then post security guards to repel gatecrashers and await your guests.

Napoleon referred to the home team as a nation of shopkeepers. That was then. Today, we are nation of honorary barmen. As we are classless to boot, there is a barrack-like bar-building for those who have thirsts but no vehicles. A mass of humanity tried to get in; a similar number seemed engaged in getting out, leaving a dense, warm, boozy mass exuding good humour, though probably a pint of Guinness away from euphoria. Guinness at an England v Scotland match is the acceptable, unprovocative tipple; neutral, also.

As at Portuguese weddings, where everyone tries to be the last one in the church, the stands remained empty until minutes before the start. There was much to enjoy in the massive loose ruck outside.

Just before the start, when we in Row O of the lower west side were getting companionably crushed, a kilted giant of a man took his seat in front of us, turned around, grasped the hand of the Scot behind him and said: "This is the back of my head; you'll be seeing a lot of it."

On the field of play, the master of military musick, dressed like the doorman of a Mayfair casino, marched his men up and down. The Princess Royal shook hands with the players, and the Irish referee, pleased that things were going so well, blew his whistle for battle to commence. It was 2.41pm; official kick-off 2.45. Had this been a horse race, the result would have been void. As it was the Calcutta Cup, we sang *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*; sang it loud and long, with feeling.

By common consent, it was a hum-drum game with terrific highlights. England's lineout play was pathetically inept, and the referee failed to shine, but the tries — all three scored by England's threequarters — were electrifying, heart-stopping, joyous. England won by scoring tries; Scotland saved face by kicking penalty goals.

I believe there is something unsatisfactory about a game capable of being won by a side that has no more than a man with an accurate boot. I have never felt it right that victory can be denied a side that scores tries. Next time they change the rules of the game, this might be an aspect to examine.

Penalties and dropped goals should not count until a try has been scored.

The referee blew for half-time. "First correct decision he has made," my neighbour said, excusing himself as he squeezed his way laboriously to the end of the row, then out. It was well into the second half before he returned.

Tell me what you had, I asked him, recalling hot dogs, do'nuts, hamburgers and cold drinks at American stadiums.

A pee, he said; there was a queue.

As with England's lineout play, there is some way to go in the Twickenham facilities department.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 48

ANTING
(a) The action of birds in rubbing on their plumage ants or other insects that secrete acrid juices; also a similar action of birds with various other objects, from *ant* + the participial suffix *-ing*, after the German *einemsen*: "Starlings and rooks will ant, with ants, on smoking chimney-pots. Tame birds will ant with matches or cigarette ends."

TOATOA
(b) The New Zealand celery pine, from the Maori name: "Toatoa, of the natives of New Zealand, is an unpublished species of Phyllocladus [*Phyllocladus glaucus*]. It is much prized by the natives for walking sticks

KISAENG
(a) In Korea, a trained female entertainer, the Korean equivalent of the geisha girl, from the Korean: "The Korean married woman is much too home-bound to be expected to sit down at a public dinner, and the kisaeng girl takes her place. The kisaeng girl is definitely not a prostitute, though probably the height of her ambition is to become the concubine of some wealthy man."

RATISSAGE
(b) A device whereby the Bank of France calls in a portion of its country's commercial banks' foreign currency balances, and so temporarily improves its reserves of foreign exchange, from the French, literally "scraping, raking in of stakes": "The French recovery has now gone far enough for the French authorities to hope that their so-called ratissage operations may be liquidated this month."

SOLUTION TO WINNING MOVE
1 ... h5! wins. If 2 Kxh5 Qh1+ or 2 gxh5 Qg5 mate. Meanwhile white is helpless against the threat of 2 ... Qh1+ 3 Kg3 h4+ 4 Kf2 Qh2+.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: São Paulo championship: Group A: Corinthians 0, Mogi Mirim 0; Marilia 0, Guarani 0; Ponte Preta 1, Noroeste 0; Portuguesa 0, Ituano 2; Bragantino 1, Palmeiras 0; Rio Branco 1, São Paulo 0. Group B: Ferroviaria 4, Catanduvense 0; Novorizontino 4, Internacional/Limeira 2; Olimpia 2, Aracatuba 1; São Caetano 4, São José 2; Saocarlense 3, Amarica/São Paulo 2; Taquaritinga 0, Botafogo/Riberao Preto 0; XV de Jau 4, Santo Andre 1.

Wednesday night's late results
COCA-COLA CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Arsenal 2, Crystal Palace 0 (agg 5-1)
FA PREMIER LEAGUE: Aston Villa 0, Tottenham 0; Chelsea 2, Everton 1; Ipswich Town 0, Sheffield Wednesday 1; Liverpool 1, Queens Park Rangers 0; Manchester City 1, Coventry 0; Sheffield 0, Norwich City 1.
BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Derby County 3, Bristol Rovers 1; Leicester City 3, Sunderland 2; Newcastle United 2, Grimsby Athletic 2; Southend 1, Swindon 1. Second division: Bradford City 3, Exeter 1; Brighton 3, West Bromwich Albion 1; Huddersfield 1, Fulham 0; Reading 1, Port Vale 0
SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Celtic 1, Heart of Midlothian 0; Falkirk 1, Dundee 0. St Johnstone 1, Rangers 1. First division: Dunfermline 1, Ayr United 1; Meadowbank 1, Hamilton 2; St Mirren 1, Raith Rovers 1.
WORLD CUP: Group two (in San Marino): San Marino 0, Turkey 0.
INTERNATIONAL MATCH (in Vienna): Austria 2, Greece 1.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Tottenham 0, Portsmouth 0; Watford 5, Norwich 1; Wimbledon 5, Ipswich 0, Oxford Utd 0, Luton 0; QPR 1, Millwall 1; Fulham 0, Arsenal 2. Second division: Birmingham 4, Yeovil 2; Bournemouth 3, Cheltenham 0; Plymouth 2, Torquay 3
PONTINS LEAGUE: Second division: Blackpool 2, Hull 0; Burnley 0, Scunthorpe 2; Grimsby 0, Oldham 2; Mansfield 0, Preston 0; Middlesbrough 1, West Brom 3.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cambridge City 1, Solihull 3; Chelmsford 5, Chelmsford 1. Midland division: Barn 1, Bedworth Utd 2; Hinckley Town 3, Ilkiston Town 1; Newport AFC 2, RC Warwick 1; Yate Town 2, Gresley Rovers 3
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Colwyn Bay 2, Blossley 1. First division cup: Third round: Great Harwood Town 1, Radcliffe Borough 1.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Chesham 4, Hendon 0; Basingstoke 0, Bognor 0. Second division: Edgware Town 1, Banstead Athletic 1
KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Cwmbran 1, Haverfordwest 0
BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Clitheroe 0, St Helens Town 2; Leyton 4, Darwen 1
NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Seaham Red Star 2, Essington Colliery 0.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Eccleshill Utd 1, Sheffield 2; Harrogate RA 0, Spennymoor Utd 5
JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Clonard Utd 4, Brightlingsea Utd 2.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Clevedon Town 2, Bristol Manor Farm 0; Elmore 2, Bideford 1.
EUROPEAN SUPER CUP: Second leg: Barcelona (Sp) 2, Werder Bremen (Ger) 1 (Barcelona win 3-2 on agg).
ITALIAN CUP: Semi-final: First leg: AS Roma 2, AC Milan 0.
DUTCH CUP: Quarter-final: FC Zwolle 1, Feyenoord 1 (Feyenoord win 4-1 on pens).
DUTCH LEAGUE: FC Volendam 3, FC Den Bosch 0; Roda JC Kerkrade 1, Ajax 3
FAI HARP LAGER CUP: Second-round replays: St Patrick's Athletic 1, UCD 0; Cork City 1, Shelbourne 2 (aet)
UEFA UNDER-16 CHAMPIONSHIPS: England 4, Sweden 0
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Independent Schools XI, 2 FA Youth XI 1; Charterhouse 3, Chris's Hospital 0; ISFA Under-16 2, Oxford Utd XI 6. English Adidas under-19 Trophy regional final: Kent 2, Suffolk 2 (aet).

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG BASKETBALL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Guildford Kings 128, Hemel Hempstead Royals 88
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New York Knicks 110, Los Angeles Lakers 104; Orlando Magic 119, Indiana Pacers 108; Boston Celtics 104, Philadelphia 76ers 100; Denver Nuggets 128, Washington Bullets 112; Portland Trail Blazers 124, Dallas Mavericks 96; Phoenix Suns 111, Golden State Warriors 100; New Jersey Nets 109, Los Angeles Clippers 98.

BOXING

BAY ST LOUIS, Mississippi: Heavyweight contest: Larry Holmes (US) bt Rocky Pepsi (US) rsc 4th rnd.

CRICKET

BENSON AND HEDGES ONE-DAY COMPETITION: Durban: Northern Transvaal 178-9 in 45 overs (M Rindel 4-28); Natal 181-8 in 43.1 overs (P Symcox 53 not out). Natal won by 2 wkts. Springs: Impalas 140-7 in 45 overs; Transvaal 141-1 in 35.5 overs. Transvaal won by 9 wkts. Cape Town: Border 149 in 42.3 overs; Western Province 151-5 in 39.4 overs (A J Lamb 51). Western Province won by 5 wkts.

CYCLING

VAISON-LA-ROMAINE: Paris-Nice race: Fifth stage (210km from St Etienne): 1, M Cipollini (It), 5hr 27min 09sec; 2, W Nelissen (Bel); 3, J Capiot (Bel); 4, C Capella (Fr); 5, E Magnien (Fr); 6, O Ludwig (Ger). Overall: 1, A Zuelle (Switz), 15hr 58min 32sec; 2, E Breukink (Holl), 4sec behind; 3, F Moreau (Fr), 8; 4, J-C Colotti (Fr), 9; 5, S Hodge (Aus), 14; 6, H Dec Zabala (Sp), 16
GIOLA LIRI, Italy: Tirreno to Adriatico race: Second stage (173km): 1, M Forchesi (It), 4hr 50' 45min; 2, J Skibby (Den), 3, A Tchmil (Moldova), 4, M Bartoli (It), 5, G Pierdomenico (It), 6, D Bossaro (It), all same time. Overall: 1, Skibby, 10hrs 23min 16sec, 2, Forchesi, 1sec behind; 3, Tchmil, 49sec

GOLF

BANGKOK: Thailand Open: First-round leaders: 65: S Ginn (Aus), 69: S Ngopaet (Thai), C Larrain (Ven), 67: Hsan Yu Shu (Taiwan), R Foreman (GB), S Flesch (US), J Kemchan (US) 68: N Kawakami (Japan), P Haugsrud (Nor), Lu Chien Soon (Taiwan), S Sukpanij (Thai)

HOCKEY

COMMERCIAL UNION UAU CHAMPIONSHIPS: Finals: Men (Reading): Birmingham 3, Bristol 2. Women (Birmingham): Loughborough 3, Heriot-Watt 2.
BRITISH STUDENTS SF CHAMPIONSHIPS (Otley): Women: Final: Sheffield Hallam 1, Northumbria 1 (aet; Sheffield won 4-1 on pens).
ALDERSHOT: Combined Services championship: Seniors: Royal Navy 0, RAF 1. Under-21: Royal Navy 2, RAF 1. Veterans: Royal Navy 1, RAF 2. Women: Royal Navy 0, Army 2.
BARCLAYS BANK ENGLISH SCHOOLGIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP: Under-16s: Finals (Cobham): Dr Challoners 0, Painsley High 2; Queenswood 1, Dean Close 1; Painsley 1, Bradford GGS 0; Dean Close 0, Challoners 0; Bradford 2, Queenswood 0; Dean Close 0, Painsley 0; Challoners 0, Bradford 1; Painsley 0, Queenswood 0; Bradford 3, Dean Close 1; Queenswood 2, Challoners 0. Final standings: 1, Bradford GGS, 9pts; 2, Painsley HS, 8; 3 Queenswood, 5
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Exeter 2 King's Taunton 1. Kent Under-16 championship: Sir Roger Manwood's 2, Simon Langton 3. Kent Under-18 championship: St Lawrence College 1, Chatham House 3 (aet).

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): Montreal Canadiens 5, New York Islanders 1; Buffalo Sabres 7, Quebec Nordiques 4; Toronto Maple Leafs 5, Hartford Whalers 3; Detroit Red Wings 6, Edmonton Oilers 3.

INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE MATCH: Great Britain 5, Metallurg Cherepovets (St Petersburg) 2.

LACROSSE

MILTON KEYNES: National Schoolgirls Tournament: Fear Cup (seniors): Semi-finals: Berkhamsted 5, Bolton School D; Downe House Newbury 8, Sherborne 1. Final: Berkhamsted 2, Downe House 1. Watson Trophy (juniors): Semi-finals: Lady Eleanor Holles 3, Moreton Hall 0; Westonbirt 6, Sherborne 0. Final: Lady Eleanor Holles 2, Westonbirt 0. McFarlane Cup (seniors): Semi-finals: Lady Eleanor Holles 3, Malvern College 1; Haberdashers' Aske's 5, St Swithuns 1. Final: Haberdashers 2, Lady Eleanor Holles 0. Bentley Trophy (juniors): Semi-finals: Haberdashers 3, Croham Hurst 0; St Catherine's 3, Berkhamsted 0. Final: St Catherine's 3, Haberdashers 1.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Bramley 4, Swinton 14.

SKIING

ALTENMARKT, Austria: Freestyle world championships: Men: Aerials: Elimination round: 1, P Laroche (Can), 207.24; 2, K Federsen (US), 202.79; 3, L Langlois (Can), 202.44. British: 7, R Cobbing, 194.99. Women: Aerials: Elimination round: 1, C Brand (Switz), 164.04; 2, L Cherjazova (Uzbekistan), 159.51; 3, K Ryan (Can), 147.33. British: 20, J Curry, 110.98. Combined final: 1, K Kubenk (Can), 27.97; 2, N Orekhova (Rus), 27.16; 3, K Porter (US), 26.77. British: 5, Curry, 25.76.

SKI JUMPING

LILEHAMMER: World Cup 120m event: 1, E Bredesen (Nor), 217.9pts; 2, Takanobu Okabe (Japan), 210; 3, A Goldberger (Austria), 201.1; 4, N Kasai (Japan), 193.3; 5, J Sakala (Cz), 194.8; 6, S Dekkup (Fr), 193.2. World Cup: 1, Goldberger, 176pts; 2, W Rainer (Austria), 171; 3, Kasai, 160.

TENNIS

ZARAGOZA, Spain: Men's indoor open tournament: First round: M Gustiner (Ger) bt S Sanaud (Fr), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; R Matuszewski (US) bt L Jonsson (Swed), 6-2, 7-5; J Renzenbrink (Ger) bt B Vacek (Cz Rep), 6-4, 6-2; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt P Beur (Ger), 7-6, 7-6; J Cunha-Silva (Por) bt B Borg (Swe), 6-1, 5-7, 7-5; A Thoms (Ger) bt D Rikl (Cz Rep), 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; M Damm (Cz), bt A Antonitsch (Austria), 6-2, 6-1; S Simian (Fr) bt D Perez (Uru) 6-3, 2-6, 6-3; F Roig (Sp) bt F Fontang (Fr), 6-2, 3-6, 7-6; K Nowacek (Cz) bt J Apell (Swe), 6-4, 6-4. Second round: M Zoecke (Ger) bt C Saceanu (Ger), 6-4, 7-6; A Jarryd (Swe) bt J Renzenbrink (Ger), 6-2, 6-2.

YACHTING

VENDEE GLOBE ROUND-THE-WORLD SOLO RACE: Leading positions (with miles to finish): 1, A Gautier (Fr), Bagages Superior, 392; 2, P Poupon (Fr), Fleury-Michon, 1,416; 3, J-L van den Heede (Fr), Solo-Helvin, 1,662; 4, Y Parlier (Fr), Cacolac d'Aquitaine, 2,214; 5, M Fe (Hun), K and H Bank Matav, 3,223.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

Barclays League
Second division
Wigan v Preston .....
Third division
Colchester v Cardiff (7.45) .....
Crewe v Rochdale .....
UNDER-18 INTERNATIONAL: Republic of Ireland v Wales (at Athlone, 2.0).

RUGBY UNION

Heineken Welsh League
Second division
Tredegar v Blaina (7.0) .....

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship
First division
Sheffield v Bradford (7.30) .....
St Helens v Hull KR (7.30) .....

Slick Sybillin Fitzgerald's best

Jimmy Fitzgerald, who has not missed the Cheltenham festival for 30 years, discusses his team for next week with Michael Seely

During the past decade, Jimmy Fitzgerald and his jockey, Mark Dwyer, have established themselves as two of the cult figures at Cheltenham's National Hunt Festival.

Both are respected men of judgement and following the stable when the money is down has sometimes been the surest path to riches in the heady gambling atmosphere which gives the three-day extravaganza its unique flavour.

Far and away the stable's most famous coup was engineered when Forgive'N Forget won the Coral Golden Hurdle final in 1983. Starting a heavily-backed favourite at 5-2, the subsequent Gold Cup winner sprinted clear up the hill for an easy win.

"He'd already shown us that he was very, very good," the trainer recalls. "He had plenty of pace and jumped like a buck. He'd been put up a stone for winning the Ayr qualifier by 12 lengths but we still thought he was a good thing."

Next week Norton Grange stables in Malton will field its strongest team at the festival for several seasons and Dwyer is as low as 100-30 to be top jockey, his outside mounts including Coulton, the Champion Hurdle favourite, and Jodami, the Gold Cup second favourite.

Discussing his challenge, Tipperary-born Fitzgerald said: "I don't think we'll ever go to Cheltenham again with as live a chance as we did with Forgive'N Forget. But Sybillin, Trainglot and Aslan should all nearly start favourite for their respective races this time — and that's the order in which I rate their chances."

Sybillin is many punters' idea of the banker of the meeting. His quick, accurate jumping has been a revelation, particularly when beating more experienced horses in the Victor Chandler Handicap Chase at Ascot and accounting for Wonder Man at Nottingham.

The stable has already won the Arkle Trophy with Danish Flight but Dwyer rates Sybillin the fastest two-mile chaser to have entered the yard.

"He's always had so much speed," Fitzgerald said. "On the Flat, Pat Eddery rode him over ten furlongs one day and said that it was too far. We brought him back to a mile and Eddery won on him. If you've got a horse with that pace and he jumps as well as this fellow does, you're halfway there."



Dwyer: strong hand

Trainglot has done nothing but improve all season. His victory in the Tote Jackpot Handicap Hurdle at Sandown was followed by another comfortable victory at Warwick.

The six-year-old has a choice of engagements between the Sun Alliance Hurdle and the Coral Cup, both on Wednesday.

Having originally favoured tackling the handicap, in which he was allotted 10st 13lb, Fitzgerald is now leaning towards the novice race as the weights in the bookmaker-sponsored event may rise substantially at today's five-day declaration stage.

Whichever race is chosen, Fitzgerald feels this high-class stayer will give a good account of himself. "He's jumping quickly and accurately, and is looking perkier than he has all season," the trainer said. "He's very fit — in fact it's the first time he's been this fit since he won the Cesarewitch. I'm certain Cheltenham will be the ideal track for him."

Aslan runs in the Guinness Festival Bumper, also on the Wednesday. Undefeated in three National Hunt flat races, the five-year-old grey was particularly impressive when beating Sea Patrol by ten lengths at Chepstow in December.

"This is going to be a very hot race and the Irish are sure to have several fancied runners. But I like mine a lot," the trainer said. "First time we ran him he won at 9-1 and we hadn't had a shilling on him. Then at Chepstow, Willie Dwan got into a spot of trouble entering the straight and woke him up far too early. He gave the horse a slap down the shoulder, and he just took off."

The trainer's other runners at the meeting include Native Mission (Champion Hurdle) and Gold Options (Gold Cup). "With a bit of luck, they might both finish fourth," Fitzgerald said. "I didn't fancy running Native Mission in the County Hurdle as it looks a very hot race. We might just sneak a place in the Champion."

Fitzgerald has not missed a festival meeting since 1954. "It's the meeting of the year for me. If you can win a race at Cheltenham, you've had a good season," he reasoned.

Originally a jockey, his many festival memories include the Broadway Novices' Chase of 1963 when he was riding Brasher. "We were going quite well when Pat Taaffe came charging up and nearly fell at the third last. The horse just shook his head and went on to win in a canter. That was my first sight of Arkle and I had him backed for the following season's Gold Cup before I left the weighing room that night."

Fitzgerald bought his present 120-acre Yorkshire home in 1968 and has been training there since the following year, the highlight of his career coming in 1985 when Dwyer rode Forgive'N Forget to victory in the Gold Cup.

Both Sybillin and Trainglot are owned by the Marquesa de Moratalla, who will be hoping to win the Gold Cup at the third time of asking with The Fellow on Thursday.

Assessing the race, Fitzgerald said: "I think Jodami will win a Gold Cup, but I'm not sure it will be this year. If things go right, I think The Fellow must win. At Kempton, I couldn't believe he was going to win when they came into the straight. Yet, in the matter of one fence, he had the race won — that's always the sign of a good horse."

Discussing his formidable partnership with Fitzgerald, Dwyer said: "We've had a great run and touch wood the horses have been in good form. You're only as good as the horse that you're on.

"Jimmy has a great eye for a horse and knows when they're well. He doesn't have to gallop them to find out — he knows just by looking at them. And he always put them in the right class."

The trainer and jockey have high hopes of going into the festival on the back of a big-race winner by landing the Sunderlands Imperial Cup at Sandown tomorrow with Nijmegen. "He's won three of his last four races and must have a tremendous chance with 10st 6lb," Fitzgerald hinted.

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Fitzgerald: going to Cheltenham with three good chances

Champion field may be record

TUESDAY'S Smurfit Champion Hurdle field could be the biggest in the history of the race. At yesterday's five-day stage there were 26 acceptors and, with few doubtful runners, the record of 24 (1964 and 1991) may be beaten.

The open nature of the race is underlined by the fact that Corals offer 6-1 the field with Flown, Coulton and Granville Again sharing favouritism.

Peter Scudamore has yet to choose between Granville Again and Valfinet, and may not decide until Monday.

Watering at Cheltenham, introduced to prevent firm ground, ceased yesterday. The going is good (good to firm in places). Philip Arkwright, clerk of the course, said: "I shall monitor the situation hourly but if we were racing tomorrow, the ground would be perfect."

One possible absentee is Muse, who needs give in the ground. The best-backed outsider yesterday was Irish challenger Eyelid, down to 40-1 from 66-1 with Hills.

ACCEPTORS: Athy Spirit, Chirkpar, Coulton, Duke Of Monmouth, Eyelid, Flakey Dove, Flown, Granville Again, Halkopous, Jinxy Jack, King Credo, Kribensis, Mole Board, Morley Street, Muse, Native Mission, Novello Allegro, Oh So Risky, Rodeo Star, Royal Derbi, Ruling, Seon, Spinning, Staunch Friend, Valfinet, Vintage Crop

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SHARRIBA (4.30 Worcester)

Next best: Mountain Retreat (5.00 Worcester)

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER

2.00 Hurricane Blake. 3.40 Sea Buck.
2.35 Champagne Lad. 4.10 Knockelly Castle.
3.05 TRAVELLING WRONG (nap). 4.40 Second Call.

Brian Beel: 4.10 Knockelly Castle.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (CHASE COURSE); GOOD TO FIRM, FIRM IN PLACES ON BACK STRAIGHT (HURDLES) SIS

2.00 ROGER MORTIMER MEMORIAL NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,827: 2m 6f) (7 runners)

101 1-22211 COOL CLOWN 36 (D,G,S) (Mrs P Browne) M Pipe 6-11-8 P Scudamore 97
102 41-1223 HURRICANE BLAKE 18 (B,D,BF,G) (P Rylands) D Grissell 5-11-4 J Railton 98
103 00-042 MR INVADER 17 (M Boddington) N Gaselee 6-11-0 C Llewellyn 70
104 3-22532 THE GLOW 37 (BF) (Mrs T Brown) D Elsworth 5-11-0 P Holley 87
105 30-44 TUDOR FABLE 14 (J Collins) N Henderson 5-11-0 R Dunwoody 69
106 0P0 ANTIGUAN SOL 29 (Mrs N Duffield) Mrs P Duffield 5-10-9 A Procter (5) —
107 3-60056 BALMY BREEZE 15 (W Wightman) W Wightman 6-10-9 Mr G Kite 66

BETTING: 11-8 Cool Clown, 15-8 Hurricane Blake, 5-2 The Glow, 14-1 Mr Invader, 16-1 Tudor Fable, 66-1 Balmy Breeze, 100-1 Antiguan Sol.

1992: VICOMPT DE VALMONT 7-11-4 R Dunwoody (11-4) N Henderson 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

COOL CLOWN beat La Princesse 3l in an 8-runner novice hurdle at Towcester (2m 5f, soft). HURRICANE BLAKE 1½l 2nd of 10 to Simpson in a handicap hurdle at Newbury on penultimate start (3m 110yd, good). MR INVADER 1½l 2nd of 16 to Dennington in a novice handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 5f 110yd, good). THE GLOW 3½l dead-heat 2nd of 15 to Stormhead in a novice hurdle at Ascot (2m 110yd, heavy).
Selection: HURRICANE BLAKE

2.35 GRAY SYSTEMS NOVICES CHASE (£3,434: 2m 4f 110yd) (7 runners)

201 U23-651 RICHVILLE 83 (B,D,F,S) (Major-Gen R Burgess) K Bailey 7-11-7 J Railton 77
202 64-54PU CASTING TIME 64 (Sir Eric Parker) D Barons 9-11-3 J Frost 54
203 32F621 CHAMPAGNE LAD 20 (D,F,G,S) (P James) J Gifford 7-11-3 P Hide (5) 98
204 6560/P5 DENBERDAR 10 (F) (M Clarke) M Barraclough 10-11-3 Gary Lyons —
205 14/F-50 SOCIAL CLIMBER 61 (BF,G,S) (L Kimber) A Turnell 9-11-3 S McNeill 82
206 8/4-4 SOME DAY SOON 48 (D MacKechnie) M Bradstock 8-11-3 G Bradley —
207 P5U3P2 SOUTH HARVEST 6 (V,B,S) (O Donnelly) J Jenkins 10-11-3 R Dunwoody 72

BETTING: 6-4 Richville, 13-8 Champagne Lad, 11-2 South Harvest, 8-1 Social Climber, 14-1 Casting Time, 25-1 Denberdar, 33-1 Some Day Soon.

1992: LYPHENTO 8-11-3 D Murphy (6-4) J Gifford 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

RICHVILLE beat Sartorius 6l in a 9-runner novice chase at Fontwell (2m 3f, soft). CHAMPAGNE LAD 6l 2nd of 6 to Little-Nipper in a novice handicap chase at Cheltenham (2m 5f, soft). DENBERDAR 27½l 5th of 12 to Stupid Cupid in a novice chase at Nottingham (2m 5f 110yd, good to firm). SOUTH HARVEST 4l 2nd of 9 to Rocket Launcher in a novice chase at Newbury (2m 4f, firm). Previously, distance 3rd of 6 to Superior Finish in a novice chase at Kempton (3m, soft), with SOME DAY SOON distance 4th.
Selection: SOUTH HARVEST

3.05 HORSE AND HOUND GRAND MILITARY GOLD CUP CHASE (Amateurs: £4,872: 3m 110yd) (18 runners)

301 P-6P411 FIFTH AMENDMENT 8 (B,D,F,G,S) (R Ponsonby) Mrs F Walwyn 8-12-7 R Ponsonby 89
302 50-0350 ON THE OTHER HAND 19 (D,S) (R Ogden) G Richards 10-12-7 Capt A Ogden 90
303 11131 TRAVELLING WRONG 28 (D,S) (Brig C Harvey) D Nicholson 7-12-7 J Wingfield Digby 84
304 0600-36 BLUE DART 20 (C,D,G,S) (D Alers-Hankey) T Forster 13-12-0 D Alers-Hankey —
305 13U003 CALABRESE 18 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) (Maj M Watson) N Henderson 8-12-0 Maj M Watson 98
306 PP0P-P COMEDY BASIN 35 (D,F) (A Sims) A Sims 10-12-0 Capt R Inglesant —
307 3P1052 FOLK DANCE 14 (V,D,F,G,S) (H McCall) G Balding 11-12-8 Maj G Wheeler 72
308 PFD4U4 MONTGOMERY 36 (B,D,F,G,S) W McKenzie-Coles 12-12-0 Maj M Strelor 50
309 12F322 NORMAN CONQUEROR 28 (B,D,F,G,S) T Thomson Jones 8-12-0 Maj D Elwood 93
310 564122 OK CORRAL 23 (F,G,S) (Maj E Watt) J White 8-12-0 Capt A Smith-Maxwell 78
311 034UUR- SHEER STEEL 316 (D,S) (T Underwood) T Underwood 13-12-0 E Andrewes 59
312 PF4UP/ DIRECTOR PLEASE 1077 (J Webber) J Webber 10-11-7 J Fuller —
313 3/50F48- FRIENDLY HENRY 312 (B,D,S) (S Lytle) Mrs S Mullins 13-11-7 S Monks 50
314 P35PFF/ GRAND INQUISITOR 735 Mrs S Mullins 11-11-7 Lt-Col R Webb-Bowen —
315 R0-4P0P KNOX'S CORNER 16 (D,G,S) (C Colquhoun) R Curtis 8-11-7 Capt A Woodward —
316 00P0- LOTHIAN SULTAN 417 (S) (F Piggott) G Harwood 9-11-7 F Piggott —
317 6044/ NORTH WOLD PARK 676 (M Ward-Thomas) D Fletcher 9-11-7 C Ward Thomas —
318 0/0-04F WATERSFORD KNIGHT 32 (14th Field Regiment Royal Artillery) J Mullins 7-11-7 A Wood 50

BETTING: 9-4 Travelling Wrong, 11-4 Norman Conqueror, 6-1 Calabrese, 8-1 On The Other Hand, 10-1 Fifth Amendment, 12-1 OK Corral, 16-1 Folk Dance, 20-1 North Wold Park, 25-1 others.

1992: GUNNER STREAM 8-11-7 B Marquis (20-1) R Hobson 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

FIFTH AMENDMENT beat Gambridge Jupiter 3l in a 4-runner hunter chase at Stratford (3m, good). Previously distance 4th of 9 to Teras Trix in a hunter chase at Lingfield (3m, soft), with COMEDY BASIN tailed off when pulled up. TRAVELLING WRONG beat NORMAN CONQUEROR (5lb better off) ¾l in an 8-runner handicap chase at Newbury (3m, good to soft). CALABRESE 9½l 3rd of 6 to Mister Ed in a handicap chase at Fontwell (3m 2f 110yd, good to firm). FOLK DANCE 7l 2nd of 14 to Enchanted Man in a claiming chase at Stratford (2m 4f, good). OK CORRAL 1½l 2nd of 8 to Smooth Escort in a handicap chase at Folkestone (3m 2f, good to soft). FRIENDLY HENRY beat SHEER STEEL 2l in an 8-runner point-to-point at Larkhill (good).
Selection: TRAVELLING WRONG

3.40 COGNAC COURVOISIER HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,498: 2m 6f) (3 runners)

401 0-41PB2 MARLIN DANCER 14 (D,BF,G,S) (R Allen) Miss B Sanders 8-11-10 G McCourt 96
402 PP3313 SEA BUCK 14 (CD,G,S) (C Buckle) G Balding 7-10-2 R Davis (5) 98
403 352614 FIERCE 23 (V,F,S) (P Piper) J Jenkins 5-10-0 R Dunwoody 91

Long handicap: Fierce 9-7.

BETTING: 8-15 Marlin Dancer, 5-2 Sea Buck, 5-1 Fierce.

1992: YELLOW SPRING 7-10-8 H Davies (7-1) D Grissell 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

MARLIN DANCER 2½l 2nd of 7 to Yellow Spring in a handicap hurdle at Kempton Park last time out (2m 5f, good), with SEA-BUCK (5lb better off) 3l 3rd. SEA-BUCK beat Le Chat Noir 12l in a 9-runner conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle over course and distance (good) on penultimate start. FIERCE beat Street Kid 1l in a 12-runner handicap hurdle at Huntingdon on penultimate start (2m 110yd, soft).
Selection: MARLIN DANCER

4.10 DUKE OF GLOUCESTER MEMORIAL HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,865: 3m 110yd) (6 runners)

501 2/P/123- DEER CREST 302 (CD,BF,F,S) W Bulwer-Long 13-12-11 Maj M Watson (7) 83
502 -33/31 KNOCKELLY CASTLE 22 (C,F,G,S) J Trice-Rolph 13-12-11 J Trice-Rolph (7) 98
503 P3U32-5 BOB TISDALL 27 (D,G,S) (R Ogden) Miss C Dennis 14-12-4 Capt A Ogden (7) 94
504 UU COQUET ISLAND 9 (H Chrisp) G Richards 11-12-4 Lt A Chrisp (7) —
505 5PPPP-P ELVERCONE 162 (G,S) (C Scott) D Mills 12-12-4 Capt A Woodward (7) —
506 6P/2FP-F GAELIC CHERRY 28 (S) (D Fletcher) D Fletcher 10-12-4 C Ward Thomas (7) 94

BETTING: 5-4 Knockelly Castle, 9-4 Elvercone, 7-2 Gaelic Cherry, 20-1 Deer Crest, 25-1 Bob Tisdall, 33-1 Coquet Island.

1992: DEER CREST 12-11-7 Capt C Ward Thomas (7-4 fav) W Bulwer-Long 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

DEER CREST 3½l 3rd of 7 to Mister Butler in a hunter chase at Huntingdon (3m, firm). Best Coronaceous Charger 7l in this race last year (good to firm). KNOCKELLY CASTLE beat Dark Dawn 5l in a 13-runner hunter chase here (2m 4f 110yd, good). BOB TISDALL tailed-off 5th of 9 to Crafty Copper in a hunter chase at Uttoxeter last month (2m 7f, good to soft). GAELIC CHERRY close 4th when left 7 out behind Swinhoe Croft in a 9-runner hunter chase at Bangor (3m 110yd, soft). Previously, beat Mirage Day 10l in a 22-runner point-to-point at Heythrop.
Selection: DEER CREST

4.40 LILAC NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (4-Y-O: £3,090: 2m 110yd) (5 runners)

601 532516 AEDEAN 16 (D,S) (Aedean Chem & Industrial Flooring Ltd) C Horgan 11-10 R Beggan 95
602 104 SECOND CALL 53 (BF,S) (Park Farm Thoroughbreds) G Harwood 11-4 M Perrett 93
603 300352 SHIRL 10 (P Walford) G Charles-Jones 10-13 D Meade (7) 90
604 15P2 FLY FOR GOLD 59 (D,BF,S) (J Catlin) D Arbuthnot 10-13 J Osborne 98
605 552 FRANKUS 17 (H S Group) S Mellor 10-8 S Earle 96

BETTING: 4-6 Second Call, 11-4 Aedean, 9-2 Fly For Gold, 14-1 Frankus, 20-1 Shirl.

1992: SILLARS STALKER 10-8 J Twomey (4-9 fav) Mrs J Ramsden 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

AEDEAN beat Rock Hard 4l in a 10-runner novice hurdle at Hereford on penultimate start (2m 1f, good to soft), with FRANKUS (15lb better off) 10l 5th. SECOND CALL 14l 4th of 10 to Roc Color in a novice hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, soft). Previously, beat Boogie Bopper 4l in a 15-runner at Folkestone novice hurdle (2m 1f 110yd, good to soft). SHIRL 20l 2nd of 4 to Raba Riba in a conditional jockeys' novice hurdle at Lingfield (AW, 2m [illegible], standard). FLY FOR GOLD 20l 2nd of 10 [illegible] Scarlet in a novice handicap hurdle [illegible] (AW, 2m 4f, standard). FRANKUS 2[illegible] Lake Dominion in a novice hurdle at [illegible] 2m, standard).
Selection: SECOND CALL (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Pipe	18	70	25.7	Mr J Trice-Rolph	4	9	44.4
D Nicholson	15	67	22.4	Ms C Ward Thomas	4	12	33.3
D Grissell	6	27	22.2	P Scudamore	16	54	29.6
K Bailey	7	34	20.6	P Hide	3	11	27.3
A Turnell	4	20	20.0	R Dunwoody	27	129	20.9
T Thomson Jones	3	15	20.0	C Llewellyn	5	28	17.9

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Wincanton

Going: good to firm (firm patches home straight)

2.00 (2m hdle) 1, AMTRAK EXPRESS (R Dunwoody, 4-5 fav); 2, Martrajan (B de Haan, 10-1); 3, Frank Rich (S McNeill, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Northern Saddler (6th), 9 Polar Hat (f), 33 Bare Fisted, Tinker Dan, 50 Copper Beach Lady (ur), 66 Rocket Run (4th), 100 Liberty James (5th), Grey Toupe'e. 11 ran. 12l, ½l, 6l, 20l, 15l. N Henderson at Lambourn. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £2.00, £2.10. DF: £6.80. CSF: £9.07.

2.30 (2m 5f hdle) 1, BANKROLL (Peter Hobbs, 9-2); 2, Jadidh (D Salter, 5-2); 3, Ever Smile (L Reynolds, 5-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Malcom (pu), 33 Kalamoss (4th). 5 ran. 15l, 30l, 30l. P Hobbs at Minehead. Tote: £4.80; £1.80, £1.40. DF: £3.40. CSF: £15.02.

3.00 (2m 5f ch) 1, SMARTIE EXPRESS (R Dunwoody, 11-4 fav; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Wellknown Character (Mr T Jenks, 9-1); 3, Strong Gold (S McNeill, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Coole Dodger (f), 5 Midfielder (6th), 10 Sirrah Jay (4th), 12 The Leggett (5th), 14 Our Nobby. 8 ran. 5l, 20l, 2l, 8l, 10l. R Hodges at Somerton. Tote: £3.40; £1.80, £1.80, £2.30. DF: £10.40. CSF: £23.99. Tricast: £138.85.

3.30 (2m hdle) 1, WHEELER'S WONDER (Mr J L Llewellyn, 7-2); 2, Little Nod (A Maguire, 12-1); 3, City Line (G McCourt, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Tudor Da Samba (4th), 11-2 Yaafoor (6th), 10 Another Vintage, 12 Lamore Ritorna (5th), 20 Witches Coven. 8 ran. 2l, ½l, 1l, 20l, ½l. B Llewellyn at Bargoed. Tote: £5.40; £1.40, £2.40, £1.70. DF: £49.90. CSF: £38.11.

4.00 (2m 5f ch) 1, SARAVILLE (P Scudamore, 7-4 fav); 2, Koritsaki (A Maguire, 15-8); 3, Star Of Kuwait (Mr S Bush, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Barnca (4th), 33 Free Expression (5th), 66 Just A Trifle (ref). 6 ran. 8l, 2½l, 10l, dist. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £2.50; £1.50, £1.60. DF: £2.80. CSF: £5.17.

4.30 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, ASSAGLAWI (Miss A Dare, 8-11 fav); 2, Polar Glen (Mr J Dufosee, 100-30); 3, Rayon Vert (Mr T Woolridge, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Bibrock (pu), 9 Gatterstown (pu). 5 ran. 15l, dist. Miss H Knight at Wantage. Tote: £1.60; £1.20, £1.20. DF: £2.40. CSF: £3.49.

5.00 (2m hdle) 1, STAR OF THE GLEN (B de Haan, 5-1); 2, Victory Anthem (I Lawrence, 6-1); 3, Comedy River (A Maguire, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Imperial Flight (4th), 3 Olveston (5th), 8 Exact Analysis, 14 Sovereign Sound (6th). 7 ran. 2l, 4l, 1l, ¾l, 8l. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £5.30; £2.00, £3.60. DF: £11.70. CSF: £31.31.

Placepot: £18.80.

Towcester

Going: good to firm

2.20 (2m 5f hdle) 1, Ronans Glen (S J O'Neill, 7-2); 2, Deependable (3-1 fav); 3, Holy Mackerel (18-1). 16 ran. NR: Woodside Heath, Wenrisc. 25l, 2½l. M Wilkinson. Tote: £4.30; £1.40, £2.30, £3.20. DF: £6.20. CSF: £14.76.

2.50 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Rampallion (T Grantham, 3-1); 2, Nathir (3-1); 3, Quentin Durwood (6-5 fav). 5 ran. NR: Tell You What. 8l, 15l. R Rowe. Tote: £3.40; £1.90, £1.40. DF: £4.20. CSF: £11.37.

3.20 (2m hdle) 1, Wings Of Freedom (D Gallagher, 9-4 fav); 2, Hidden Oats (4-1); 3, Barley Mow (5-1). 6 ran. NR: Macedonas. 6l, 10l. J Jenkins. Tote: £3.30; £1.50, £1.90. DF: £6.40. CSF: £10.52.

3.50 (3m 1f ch) 1, Windy Ways (J Kavanagh, 6-4 fav); 2, Buddy Holly (16-1); 3, Sunbeam Talbot (4-1). 9 ran. 3½l, 5l. N Henderson. Tote: £2.50; £1.10, £2.70, £1.50. DF: £26.80. CSF: £24.41. Tricast: £78.18.

4.20 (3m 1f ch) 1, Tenesaint (Mr J Greenall, 8-13 fav); 2, Money From America (14-1); 3, Annies Rose (40-1). 6 ran. 20l, 7l. Miss C Saunders. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £4.20. DF: £10.40. CSF: £9.90.

4.50 (2m hdle) 1, Taylors Prince (V Smith, 5-2 fav; Thunderer's nap); 2, Cambo (8-1); 3, Ururu (5-1). 12 ran. 2l, nk. H Collingridge. Tote: £4.50; £2.10, £3.00, £2.70. DF: £22.40. CSF: £24.19. Tricast: £93.18.

Placepot: £15.20.

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Going: good to firm (good in places)

2.10 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, May Run (B Storey, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Dorlin Castle (5-1); 3, Fearless King (4-1 jt-fav). 9 ran. NR: Brackenfield. 5l, sh hd. J Charlton. Tote: £3.20; £1.50, £1.70, £1.50. DF: £7.20. CSF: £22.03.

2.40 (2m ch) 1, Night Guest (A Dobbin, 11-4 fav); 2, Justaserff (50-1); 3, Ringmore (13-2). 11 ran. 7l, sh hd. P Monteith. Tote: £3.00; £1.50, £4.00, £2.30. DF: £54.40. CSF: £86.31.

3.10 (2m 4f 110yd) 1, Attadale (T Reed, 5-6 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Veleda II (20-1); 3, Jawani (7-4). 12 ran. NR: Caithness Prince. 8l, 2l. L Lungo. Tote: £2.10; £1.50, £4.70, £1.10. DF: £58.40. CSF: £19.76.

3.40 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Persian House (M Dwyer, 10-1); 2, Kushbaloo (4-7 fav); 3, Pink Gin (5-1). 5 ran. ½l, 20l. J Jefferson. Tote: £9.10; £2.40, £1.30. DF: £4.30. CSF: £15.90.

4.10 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Make Me Proud (S Taylor, 11-4); 2, Timurs Double (12-1); 3, Pandessa (9-4 fav). 10 ran. NR: Hazel Leaf. 1½l, ¾l. W Bentley. Tote: £4.20; £1.50, £2.90, £1.50. DF: £15.70. CSF: £31.21. Tricast: £76.57.

4.40 (3m 2f ch) 1, Carousel Rocket (P Niven, 3-1); 2, Kilhallon Castle (11-4); 3, Lupy Minstrel (2-1 fav). 5 ran. 5l, hd. M Hammond. Tote: £4.00; £2.20, £1.40. DF: £3.60. CSF: £10.81.

5.10 (2m 1f flat) 1, Snuffle Babe (M Herrington, 4-5 fav); 2, Royal Garden (10-1); 3, Strathmore Lodge (10-1). 11 ran. NR: Cumrews Nephew, Emerald Charm. 3½l, 72l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £2.20; £1.80, £2.90, £1.60. DF: £10.00. CSF: £11.89.

Placepot: £6.20.

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THUNDERER

2.10 Linkside. 2.40 Tartan Tyrant. 3.10 Strong Approach. 3.45 Village Reindeer. 4.15 Rhu Na Haven. 4.45 Family Line.

Brian Beel: 4.15 Pollibrig.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.10 LINKSIDE.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

2.10 LAGG MAIDEN HURDLE (£1,903: 2m) (16 runners)

1 P0 ACQUISITION 65 S Payne 6-11-7 C Hawkins
2 6-50 COOLE LANE 63 G Dun 6-11-7 Mr J M Dun
3 00 FIDDLER'S DRUM 27 G Richards 6-11-7 N Doughty
4 R GREAT HEIGHTS 15 (B) J J O'Neill 6-11-7 James Jones (3)
5 0000 HALSTON PRINCE 56 B Mactaggart 6-11-7 C Dennis (3)
6 52-0 JIM'S WISH 139 (B) T Cuthbert 5-11-7 Carol Cuthbert (7)
7 03 LEGION OF HONOUR 18 M Naughton 5-11-7 P Niven
8 -283 LINKSIDE 13 D Moffatt 6-11-7 D J Moffatt (5)
9 MAN OF MOREEF K Oliver 6-11-7 K Johnson
10 MARTIN EXECUTIVE 49F B Wilkinson 5-11-7 D Bentley (5)
11 655 NORTHERN SQUIRE 90 J Jefferson 5-11-7 P Williams (7)
12 -438 RALLYING CRY 20 R Allan 5-11-7 B Storey
13 0000 CHICKABIDDY 20 K Oliver 5-11-2 A Merrigan
14 0P BIGONNAWIN 9 S Payne 5-11-2 J Supple (7)
15 -035 JUST EVE 142 J Gledson 6-11-2 Mr R Hale (7)
16 05 LADY BUCHAN 17 N Tinkler 4-10-8 C Grant

9-4 Linkside, 7-2 Fiddler's Drum, 9-2 Lady Buchan, 8-1 Jim's Wish, 10-1 Rallying Cry, 12-1 Legion Of Honour, 16-1 others.

2.40 HOLLYBUSH NOVICES CHASE (£2,411: 3m 1f) (8)

1 P1 TARTAN TYRANT 9 (S) G Richards 7-11-10 N Doughty
2 3-U5 BENGHAZI 23 A Thomson 9-11-3 C Grant
3 0065 EQUATOR 7 (S) J Haldane 10-11-3 A Merrigan
4 104F FETTUCCINE 7 (F,G,S) P Cheesbrough 9-11-3 K Johnson
5 /06P FORTH AND TAY 31 Mrs S Bradburne 11-11-3 P Williams (7)
6 /05F4 FUN 'N' GAMES J Maxwell (fre) 8-11-3 Mr B R Hamilton (7)
7 FP54 SANDY ANDY 7 K Oliver 7-11-3 B Storey
8 PPF4 CELTIC WATERS 13 Mrs D Thomson 8-10-12 C Dennis (3)

4-6 Tartan Tyrant, 4-1 Fettuccine, 7-1 Sandy Andy, 8-1 Fun 'N' Games, 14-1 Celtic Waters, 20-1 others.

☐ Sulli Boy was backed from 33-1 to 16-1 with William Hill yesterday for the Imperial Cup at Sandown tomorrow.

3.10 TRANSFLEET SERVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,078: 2m 4f) (4)

1 0441 CORNET 21 (C,CD,F,G,S) Denys Smith 7-12-0 P Niven
2 112P WIND FORCE 97 (D,F,G) G Richards 8-11-7 N Doughty
3 6514 STRONG APPROACH 13 (D,G) J Charlton 8-11-0 B Storey
4 PF2F STEPFASTER 9 (D,F,G) P Cheesbrough 8-10-4 C Grant

7-4 Wind Force, 9-4 Cornet, 3-1 Strong Approach, 4-1 Stepfaster

3.45 ROSEMOUNT HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,295: 3m 110yd) (6)

1 5F13 TALLYWAGGER 21 (DF,F,G) G Moore 6-11-10 N Stocks (7)
2 5231 VILLAGE REINDEER 10 (D,F,S) P Calver 6-11-2 (4ex) C Grant
3 2020 ROSE TABLEAU 63 (F,S) J J O'Neill 10-11-0 Miss S Nichol (7)
4 FP23 OUT THE GAP 44 (G,S) S Payne 10-10-1 J Supple (7)
5 6P43 CELTIC BREEZE 9 (V,C,G,S) M Naughton 10-10-0 A Dobbin (3)
6 0405 TREBONKERS 13 (D,F,S) Miss L Perratt 9-10-0 F Perratt (7)

2-1 Village Reindeer, 11-4 Tallywagger, 7-2 Rose Tableau, 7-1 Out The Gap, 8-1 Celtic Breeze, 40-1 Trebonkers.

4.15 AYRSHIRE HUNTER CHALLENGE CUP (Amateurs: £1,394: 2m 5f 110yd) (9)

1 -314 POLLIBRIG 21 (C,G) W Hamilton 9-11-11 M Buckley (5)
2 30FP/ BALLYBELL 685 J Gleeson 8-11-10 Miss P Robson (7)
3 HARRY HASTINGS 2822 (G,S) Miss H Galbraith 14-11-10 J Cartner (7)
4 JUNIORS CHOICE J Threadgall 10-11-10 Mrs J Dun (7)
5 6F5- LEFT HANDED 428 J Bulman 10-11-10 Miss S Nichol (7)
6 /3343 RHU NA HAVEN 16 R Aston 9-11-10 C Barlow (7)
7 0/ ROYAL JESTER 1211 C Storey 9-11-10 C Storey (7)
8 P- DERRY PRINCESS 388 R Robinson 7-11-5 R Robinson (7)
9 R05/2 NOBLE QUESTION 13 (BF) J Charlton 9-11-5 R Hale (7)

2-1 Pollibrig, 4-1 Rhu Na Haven, 5-1 Royal Jester, 7-1 Noble Question, 8-1 Harry Hastings, 12-1 Juniors Choice, 14-1 others.

4.45 DOON HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,190: 2m) (5)

1 42F3 ONE FOR THE POT 14 (CD,G,S) M Naughton 8-11-11 P Niven
2 4243 MOMENT OF TRUTH 20 (D,F,G) P Monteith 9-11-11 A Dobbin (3)
3 4342 FLY BY NORTH 12 (G,S) J Maxwell (Ire) 5-10-9 K P Gaule (7)
4 4333 FLOWING RIVER 111 (CD,BF,F,G) R Allan 7-10-0 B Storey
5 0511 FAMILY LINE 16 (D,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 5-10-0 F Perratt (7)

6-4 Fly By North, 7-2 Family Line, 9-2 One For The Pot, 5-1 Moment Of Truth, 7-1 Flowing River

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Jefferson, 9 winners from 35 runners, 25.7%; G Richards, 54 from 243, 22.2%; R Allan, 7 from 32, 21.9%; G Moore, 22 from 118, 18.6%; J J O'Neill, 13 from 74, 17.6%.

JOCKEYS: Mr M Buckley, 4 from 10, 40.0%; N Doughty, 34 from 129, 26.4%; P Niven, 31 from 123, 25.2%; A Merrigan, 7 from 50, 14.0%; B Storey, 22 from 159, 13.8%.

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THUNDERER

2.20 Market Leader. 2.50 Najeb. 3.25 Dari Sound. 3.55 Scalp 'Em. 4.25 The Laughing Lord. 4.55 Final Chant. 5.25 Hold Your Hat On.

Brian Beel: 4.55 Final Chant.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

2.20 WADDINGTON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,074: 2m 1f 110yd) (7 runners)

1 1423 JUST FRANKIE 81 (F,G) Mrs M Reveley 9-11-13 R Hodge
2 43FU MASTER SALESMAN 13 (CD,F,G) B Rothwell 10-11-6 G Cahill (7)
3 /1342 YAHEEB 31 (BF,G,S) M W Easterby 9-11-4 A Larnach
4 1444 MARKET LEADER 155 (CD,F,G) R Lee 13-10-11 R Greene
5 FUP- DIE IN THE SKY 333 (F) Mrs T McInnes Skinner 12-10-3 B Dalton
6 2533 RUPPLES 28F (CD,F) M Chapman 6-10-0 D Leahy
7 U653 BILL AND COUP 23 (C,F,G) K Morgan 8-10-0 J McCarthy

5-2 Yaheeb, 3-1 Market Leader, 7-2 Just Frankie, 5-1 Master Salesman, 8-1 Rupples, 12-1 Bill And Coup, 16-1 Die In The Sky

2.50 CRANWELL SELLING HURDLE (£1,918: 2m 1f 110yd) (14)

1 3-2P HENBURY HALL 84 (G) M Barraclough 5-11-9 D Bridgwater
2 3F02 RHOMAN COIN 17 (B,S) B Rothwell 5-11-9 L Wyer
3 314P SAINT BENE'T 2 (F) K Wingrove 5-11-9 D Murphy
4 600P COUNT ROBERT 20 Miss J Doyle 5-11-2 S Curran (7)
5 60-P DANCING CHIEF 27 T Carr 5-11-2 W Humphreys
6 44UF LITTLE CONKER 44 A Smith 5-11-2 J A Harris
7 P RESISTING 13 M Chapman 5-11-2 W Worthington
8 P00 STRATHBOGIE MIST 38 J Parkes 5-11-2 N Smith
9 P003 TRENTSIDE MIST 22 C Smith 5-11-2 M Ranger
10 ADMINISTER 28F L Codd 5-10-11 V Smith
11 4333 CHARLYCIA 16 (V) T Carr 5-10-11 A Orkney
12 SWEET REVIVAL 18F J Glover 5-10-11 S D Williams (3)
13 44 ALIZARI 141F G Fleming 4-10-8 M Robinson (7)
14 40 NAJEB 9 P Evans 4-10-8 A Maguire

3-1 Rhoman Coin, 4-1 Charlycia, 5-1 Najeb, 6-1 Saint Bene't, 8-1 Henbury Hall, 10-1 Sweet Revival, 12-1 Alizari, Trentside Mist, 16-1 others

3.25 CONINGSBY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,611: 2m 5f 110yd) (10)

1 1124 HUDSON BAY TRADER 28 (C,G,S) P Beaumont 6-12-0 G Tormey (7)
2 2522 DARI SOUND 9 (BF,F) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-0 M Dwyer
3 33-06 SASKIA'S REPRIEVE 29 (V,F,G,S) J Bottomley 9-10-7 J J Quinn
4 2423 SCARLET EXPRESS 16 (G,S) B Richmond 8-10-6 A Maguire
5 -350 MY SWAN SONG 13 (C,F) J Smith 8-10-3 D Bridgwater
6 3111 MUNIR 16 J Harris 4-10-0 J A Harris
7 F344 KRONPRINZ 7F (C,G) M Chapman 5-10-0 W Worthington
8 0/32P CAETANI 9 M W Easterby 9-10-0 —
9 0/6P MILL DE LEASE 27 (F,G) J Dooler 8-10-0 M Hourigan (3)
10 0000 SOLITARY REAPER 91 (F) C Beever 8-10-0 B Dalton (7)

7-2 Dari Sound, 9-2 Scarlet Express, 5-1 Hudson Bay Trader, 7-1 Munir, 8-1 Kronprinz, 10-1 Saskia's Reprieve, 12-1 My Swan Song, Caetani, 16-1 others.

3.55 SCAMPTON MAIDEN CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,285: 2m 1f 110yd) (13)

1 00 EXPLORATION 15 K Morgan 6-11-12 A S Smith
2 305P BOLD STREET BLUES 14 J Allen 6-11-8 Mr N Bradley (7)
3 0- GREY COMMANDER 130F M Brittain 5-11-7 S Smith Eccles
4 43/ MARSH'S LAW 674 O Brennan 6-11-6 M Brennan
5 3 SCALP 'EM 11 P Evans 5-11-6 A Maguire
6 0 NEVERTER 4F M Chapman 4-11-4 W Worthington
7 005 MISS VAGABOND 15 Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-3 M Dwyer
8 COOL SOCIETY 20F W Musson 4-11-2 D Murphy
9 0/0 MOUNTAIN GLOW 14F (B) B Richmond 6-11-0 M Appleby (7)
10 PP/ WAXING LYRICAL 713 J Eyre 6-10-11 A Mulholland
11 5U3P CASA BELLA 9 B Richmond 6-10-9 D Syme
12 0030 MISTIC GLEN 44 J Parkes 4-10-7 N Smith
13 P004 SHARDRA 11 M Barraclough 4-10-3 Ann Stokell

9-4 Scalp 'Em, 7-2 Mistic Glen, 5-1 Casa Bella, 7-1 Bold Street Blues, 8-1 Miss Vagabond, 10-1 Cool Society, 12-1 Shardra, 16-1 others.

4.25 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (£3,106: 3m 1f) (13)

1 01PP SANDY BEAU 34 (F) J Hanson 7-11-3 S Smith Eccles
2 0231 THE LAUGHING LORD 14 (F,G,S) P Cheesbrough 7-11-3 Mr A Thornton (5)
3 5F15 TIM SOLDIER 14 (S) M Barraclough 6-11-3 R Garritty
4 /56-6 BRUSHFORD 44 J Wade 9-10-10 K Jones
5 33PU CONCERT PAPER 23 (G,S) R O'Leary 9-10-10 L Wyer
6 0322 EQUINOCTIAL 23 (F,S) M Dods 6-10-10 T Reed
7 /FP04 GUTE NACHT 13 S Campion 10-10-10 P Midgley (5)
8 00-4 LOOSE WHEELS 23 Mrs P Sly 7-10-10 A Carroll
9 -5P0 MAITARIO 31 (F) K Morgan 8-10-10 A S Smith
10 -85F ROSEHIP 8 (F) P Cheesbrough 8-10-10 A Larnach (5)
11 -438 SPY HILL 7 Mrs S Bramall 7-10-10 J Burke (7)
12 4382 YOUNG MINER 18 (S) Mrs T McInnes Skinner 7-10-10 G Upton
13 P003 FEELING ROSEY 27 (G,S) D Todd 11-10-5 A Orkney

2-1 The Laughing Lord, 9-2 Young Miner, 5-1 Equinoctial, 7-1 Tim Soldier, 8-1 Concert Paper, 10-1 Sandy Beau, 12-1 Spy Hill, 16-1 others.

4.55 BEAUMONTCOTE HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,672: 3m 1f) (6)

1 1-12 FINAL CHANT 10 (C,D,F,G,S) D Brydon 12-12-10 R H Brown (5)
2 -211 NO ESCORT 6 (D,F,G) Miss C Saunders 9-12-10 R Russell (5)
3 U-P0 SIRISAT 10 (F) K Hollowell 9-12-5 K Hollowell (7)
4 2/F- BROAD STREET 490 R Green 10-12-0 K Green (7)
5 32F- LORD PURNA 332 (F) M Sowersby 11-12-0 M Sowersby (7)
6 F0-0 HOISTTHESTANDARD 4 Mrs I Hadden 6-11-9 P Jenkins (7)

11-10 Final Chant, 7-4 No Escort, 9-2 Lord Purna, 12-1 Sirisat, 20-1 others

5.25 TOFT NEWTON NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£2,087: 1m 5f 110yd) (20)

1 0 BILDESTON 13 K Morgan 5-11-6 J McCarthy (5)
2 CAPTAIN BRAMSTAN Mrs S Bramall 5-11-6 J Burke (7)
3 0 HOPE HALL 21 R Whitaker 5-11-6 Mr S Whitaker
4 2 NITRE 39 G Jones 5-11-6 Miss H McCaull
5 2 SON OF IRIS 38 (BF) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-6 R Hodge
6 SPANISH BLAZE J Hanson 5-11-6 A Larnach (5)
7 CARRINGTONS HILL Miss S Wilton 4-11-0 R Greene (3)
8 0 CHARGED 13 W Jarvis 4-11-0 M Hourigan (3)
9 0 DEVONIAN 13 Miss J Doyle 4-11-0 S Curran (7)
10 GIVE HIM TIME D Lee 4-11-0 W Dwan (5)
11 GREENHITHE M Chapman 4-11-0 Mr M Chapman
12 GREY SEASON T Donnelly 4-11-0 T Eley (5)
13 HOLD YOUR HAT ON C Thornton 4-11-0 S Taylor (7)
14 NAUPLIOS J Thorpe 4-11-0 Annette Billamy (7)
15 NEASHAM TIME J Ewe 4-11-0 M Whelan (7)
16 SARGEANTS CHOICE A Forbes 4-11-0 J Driscoll (7)
17 SHANNON RUN O Brennan 4-11-0 S D Williams (3)
18 6 STEVE FORD 13 P Evans 4-11-0 B Clifford (3)
19 DUNNOHALM W Elcey 4-10-9 L O'Hara (7)
20 PHILCO'S ANGEL Mrs A King 4-10-9 Mr N Bradley (7)

7-4 Son Of Iris, 7-2 Nitre, 5-1 Hold Your Hat On, 7-1 Steve Ford, 10-1 Charged, 12-1 Dunnohalm, Hope Hall, 14-1 Shannon Run, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Evans, 4 winners from 10 runners, 40.0%; Mrs M Reveley, 21 from 58, 36.2%; C Thornton, 6 from 18, 33.3%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 30 from 106, 28.3%; R Lee, 6 from 22, 27.3%; M W Easterby, 13 from 57, 22.8%.

JOCKEYS: S Smith Eccles, 13 winners from 30 rides, 43.3%; D Murphy, 4 from 13, 30.8%; M Dwyer, 27 from 98, 27.6%; R Hodge, 5 from 19, 26.3%; L Wyer, 13 from 56, 23.2%; W Dwan, 5 from 22, 22.7%.

Hong Kong races beckon

Silver Wisp, trained by Geoff Lewis, and Thourios (Guy Harwood) have been invited to run in the Hong Kong international races at Sha Tin on April 18. Silver Wisp, third to Dr Devious in last year's Derby, has been selected for the £222,506 International Cup (nine furlongs) while Thourios holds an entry in the £173,061 International Bowl (seven furlongs).

Windy Ways has big future

WINDY Ways stamped himself a Grand National horse of the future with an impressive victory in the Swan National Leasing Handicap Chase at Towcester yesterday.

Nicky Henderson's giant eight-year-old, the 6-4 favourite, made virtually all the running to beat Buddy Holly by three and a half lengths.

"He's the biggest I've got and is made for the National," the Lambourn trainer said. "He's got to go there in another year or two."

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THUNDERER

2.30 OK Records. 3.00 Nevada Gold. 3.30 Sea Patrol. 4.00 Trimlough. 4.30 Power Happy. 5.00 Mountain Retreat.

GOING: FIRM

2.30 HOLT SELLING HURDLE (£1,939: 2m 5f 110yd) (11 runners)

1 0060 PANATHINAIKOS 16 G Ham 8-11-10 D Salter (7)
2 0U80 ALBURY GREY 15F (F) P McEntee 6-11-5 N Williamson
3 140P DEXTEROUS LADY 8 (F) C James 7-11-5 D Gallagher
4 -PP0 BALLAD RULER 8 P Pritchard 7-11-3 A Webb
5 P0-0 MUDDY LANE 10 P Nicholls 5-11-3 M A Fitzgerald
6 /082 OK RECORDS 10 D O'Neill 6-11-3 V Slattery (5)
7 0P06 QUIET MISS 10 (C,F) Mrs A Knight 4-11-3 L Harvey
8 6-P0 WARNER FORPLEASURE 167 (B) P Hobbs 7-11-3 Peter Hobbs
9 P/P BETTA WIN 10 D Williams 9-10-12 J Doggan
10 00U0 WOTAMONA 10 B Palling 5-10-12 D Tegg
11 0 I'M CURIOUS 11F R Thompson 4-10-3 L Dace (7)

2-1 OK Records, 4-1 Warner Forpleasure, 6-1 Quiet Miss, 8-1 Dexterous Lady, Muddy Lane, 10-1 Ballad Ruler, 14-1 Albury Grey, 16-1 others.

3.00 MALVERN NOVICES CHASE (£2,544: 2m 4f 110yd) (4)

1 P/13 NEVADA GOLD 20 (D,G,S) F Yardley 7-11-9 D Gallagher
2 PR04 MAYTOWN 8 (V) P Murphy 7-11-4 S Mackey
3 40V0 OLD BRIG 14 (B,G) M Pipe 7-11-4 J Lower
4 54PU SINGING SPEAR 16 G Humphrey 8-11-4 A Tory

1-2 Nevada Gold, 7-2 Old Brig, 6-1 Singing Spear, 10-1 Maytown.

3.30 BRANSFORD NOVICES HURDLE (£1,480: 2m 5f 110yd) (4)

1 LAUNCH PAD P Pritchard 7-11-3 Dr P Pritchard
2 2544 SEA PATROL 27 (B) M Pipe 6-11-3 J Lower
3 4P60 STERLING BUCK 16 G Yardley 6-11-3 W Marston (3)
4 P/P8 COUNTRY SINGER 9 P McEntee 10-10-12 Paul McEntee (7)

1-3 Sea Patrol, 3-1 Sterling Buck, 12-1 Country Singer, 25-1 Launch Pad.

4.00 REDHILL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,588: 2m) (4)

1 343F GREENHEART 87 (D,F,G) R Townsend 10-12-0 W McFarland
2 1321 TRIMLOUGH 27 (D,F,G,S) P Dalton 8-10-9 M A Fitzgerald
3 8365 TRESIDDER 38 (D,BF,F,G,S) M W Easterby 11-10-0 Peter Hobbs
4 1PP5 TINAS LAD 14 (D,F,G,S) J Edwards 10-10-0 N Williamson

10-11 Trimlough, 2-1 Tinas Lad, 9-2 Tresidder, 12-1 Greenheart.

4.30 GRIMLEY MARES NOVICES HURDLE (£1,480: 2m) (6)

1 5-00 COUNTRY MISTRESS 30 J Old 6-11-2 T Grantham
2 -000 FIVE STARS 8 (B) J Colston 6-11-2 V Slattery (5)
3 0 MINERS REST 14 P Hobbs 5-11-2 Peter Hobbs
4 P2P0 POWER HAPPY 8 F Yardley 8-11-2 D Gallagher
5 FP-P THE GYMNAZIUM 121 J Pilkington 6-11-2 D Tegg
6 5014 SHARRIBA 17 (D,G) G Humphrey 4-11-0 A Webb

Evens Sharriba, 3-1 Miners Rest, 6-1 Power Happy, 7-1 Country Mistress, 16-1 Five Stars, 33-1 The Gymnazium.

5.00 BROADWAY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,059: 2m 2f) (6)

1 3415 OLVESTON 1 (C,F,G,S) P Nicholls 9-11-10 Mr T Jenks (7)
2 2143 MOUNTAIN RETREAT 14F (D,F) M Williams 7-11-2 W McFarland
3 221F ON THE LINE 4 (CD,BF,F) C Barwell 5-10-4 (7ex) M A Fitzgerald
4 826P CITY INDEX 20 (D,F) M Smith 7-10-0 P Leach
5 0020 ASARGAR 14 (F) J Steeth 7-10-0 D Gallagher
6 3412 DONNA'S TOKEN 10 (G) R Brown 8-10-0 Mr J L Llewellyn (7)

7-4 Olveston, 11-4 Mountain Retreat, 100-30 On The Line, 13-2 Asargar, 12-1 City Index, 14-1 Donna's Token.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 50 winners from 130 runners, 38.5%; C Barwell, 3 from 8, 33.3%; P Nicholls, 3 from 13, 23.1%; P Hobbs, 15 from 86, 17.4%; G Ham, 9 from 70, 12.9%. (Only qualifiers)

JOCKEYS: J Lower, 5 winners from 17 rides, 29.4%; W Marston, 5 from 29, 17.2%; Peter Hobbs, 11 from 74, 14.9%; A Tory, 4 from 30, 13.3%. (Only qualifiers)

☐ Smartie Express earned a trip to Cheltenham with a five-length success at Wincanton yesterday. Ron Hodges plans to run the gelding in the Mildmay of Flete Chase along with Setter Country (Grand Annual) and Indian Run (Triumph Hurdle).

Cheltenham success story returns in formidable form

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Reflecting on victory: Maguire clears the water on the way to dead-heating for first on Farm Week at Windsor on Monday. He rode three winners, then repeated the feat at Bangor on Wednesday

Maguire rides luck as dream career unfolds

Alan Lee catches up with the peripatetic Adrian Maguire and finds a level-headed young man enjoying his share of good fortune

Cheltenham paints pictures in the memory. For Adrian Maguire, there is a vivid canvas, which accompanies him everywhere, of the Gold Cup finishing post and an Irish jockey, barely more than a boy, sinking to hug his horse's neck while offering up a prayer in the direction of the judge's box.

The prayer was answered. Maguire had won the Gold Cup by a short head on Cool Ground, his first ride in the great race at the climax of his first season in England. *Boys' Own* fantasy, of course. And yet, 12 months on, fantasy refuses to give way.

Maguire enters the National Hunt Festival on the brink of riding 100 winners this season. He is the hot property of jump racing and, should anyone doubt it, listen to the testimony of Peter Scudamore. "Maguire will be champion sooner rather than later," he said. "He is the most complete young jockey I have ever seen."

If he does not blush demurely, Maguire is determinedly unaffected. There is no blarney about him. He glances across at his constant companion, Sabrina, and says: "I have plenty of people to keep my feet on the ground. I want to be champion one day, but I've only just started out, you know . . ."

And so he has. It was only two years ago that he arrived, wide-eyed and breathless, to ride Omerta for Martin Pipe in the Kim Muir Chase. Summoned for the ride at 11 o'clock the previous night, Maguire had never been to Cheltenham before and, to almost everyone present, he was just another unknown Irish amateur. This was soon to change.

He won the Kim Muir. Then, keeping the ride on Omerta in spite of the availability of Scudamore, he won the Irish Grand National. Not yet 20, the unworldly son of a golf course greenkeeper suddenly found that the family telephone, in the County Meath village of Kilmessan, was ringing furiously with offers to ride in England.

"It was then or never," he said. "I had to strike while the iron was hot." He made two wise decisions. From a shortlist of eager trainers that included Pipe and Jimmy Fitzgerald, Maguire chose to join Toby Balding. At the same time, he engaged Dave Roberts as his agent.

Balding, Maguire says, gives him more than a solid base of good rides. "Toby has helped me in any way he can, not just in racing. I have a lot to thank him for."

As for Roberts, Maguire simply says: "He is the best agent in the country. I leave everything to him and simply go where he sends me. He has not often been wrong."

If Maguire is the meteor among jockeys, Roberts is his equivalent behind the scenes. Until recently, the agent game was the domain of flat jockeys, but Maguire and Roberts are now every bit as inseparable as Pat Eddery and Terry Ellis or Michael Roberts and Graham Rock.

Roberts's stable includes three more young thrusters of the National Hunt scene, Michael Hourigan, Mick Fitzgerald and Brian Clifford. But with Maguire the teamwork is special. "We are friends," Roberts said. "We have a rapport and in two seasons we have never had a cross word. Adrian never complains, even if I send him to Fakenham for four losers when he could have ridden a winner at Sandown."

Roberts starts the business of locating winners at 5am each day. Maguire will go anywhere, as this week's criss-crossing schedule of Windsor, Sedgefield, Bangor, Wincanton, Market Rasen bears witness, and he shares the driving with Sabrina in a Nissan car which, surprisingly, is unsponsored.

There are not many easy journeys from Whitcombe, in Dorset, where Maguire now has a flat after spending his first season living in a caravan. Sometimes, the pair are on the road for days. No complaints. "Why should I mind? I just love what I'm doing and this could all end tomorrow."

After riding 71 winners in his first season, Maguire was pessimistic about his second. "I had lost my claim and knew it would be more difficult. I thought I would do well to ride 50 this time. The century was just a dream."

With the winners have come a flood of compliments from trainers. They now queue for the services of a jockey of rare strength, style and judgment, who rides at the minimum weight without wasting and, as a teetotal non-smoker, projects a highly committed image.

Maguire is popular among his peers also. "He is coming out of his shell," Steve Smith Eccles, the veteran of the weighing-room, said. "He was very young and a bit shy at first, so he found it hard to relate to some of us.

"He is a nice guy and rides very well but there will be a testing time to come when he has the sort of bad run we all suffer, because then everyone will want to knock him down."

Maguire is alert to the dangers but, for the moment, he should enjoy the fantasy. Back in Kilmessan, he is already regarded as a conquering hero among villagers to whom Cheltenham is an unattainable dream.

His parents, however, will watch the festival from afar and his mother even refuses to see his races live. "She's too nervous," Maguire said. "She'll watch the tape when she knows I'm all right."

His videotape of last year's Gold Cup is, he said, fuzzy with overuse. Perhaps Halkopous, in the Champion Hurdle, or Burgoyne, in the Stayers', will give him some alternative viewing next week.

NIGEL FRENCH



Maguire: "I have plenty of people to keep my feet on the ground"

MOTOR SPORT

German cobbles together ideas of success

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN JOHANNESBURG

MICHAEL Schumacher shattered a few lap records here before practice for the opening Formula One grand prix of the season, on Sunday, had begun. "It was fun," he said. "We took the cars to a go-kart track to iron out some minor problems. We must have beaten our best times by 12 or 13 seconds."

As the circus descended on Kyalami yesterday and the teams made their final preparations for this morning's first untimed practice session, Schumacher, 24, was reluctant to outline his ambitions for the season.

The brilliant German finished third in the drivers' championship last year, but Benetton have made a smooth transition to a new car which boasts active suspension and Schumacher is being tipped to mount a serious challenge to Alain Prost and Damon Hill, who will be driving for Williams, the team so dominant last year.

"I will be happy if I start this season the way I finished the last one," Schumacher said. "I don't want to say anymore than that about the championship; I do not want to put myself under any extra pressure."

Schumacher finished in the top four in seven of the last 11 races of 1992 and won the Belgian grand prix at Spa. "It is tough to cope with the pressures of Formula One sometimes," he said. "But I am more relaxed compared to last year and I feel much more confident.

"The rule changes do not really matter to me because it will be the same for everyone else."

Ron Dennis, the owner of McLaren, was not in such an accommodating mood over the reforms imposed by Fisa, the sport's governing body, for this season and more radical ones proposed for 1994. At a packed press conference, he attacked "the Robin Hood approach of stealing from the rich and giving to the poor".

He said it was "lunacy" to limit practice sessions to 45 minutes, condemned the reform package as "ill-conceived" and that Fisa and Foca, the constructors' association, should give some of its profits to the smaller teams.

Dennis paraded McLaren's three drivers, Ayrton Senna, Michael Andretti and Mika Hakkinen, at the conference and said there was a strong possibility the team would field a third car at some races.

There was speculation last night that Dennis would seek to force Fisa to accept the notion of three-car teams to prevent him from taking action over what he believes is a breach of the Concorde agreement during the implementation of this year's reforms.

Dennis claimed the troubled March team had withdrawn its championship application earlier this week, leaving the number of cars at 26 and increasing the likelihood of McLaren fielding a third car, which would, however, not be able to gain any points even if it finished in a leading position. But the withdrawal, or non-withdrawal, of March could not be confirmed last night.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Runs to resort	Weather	Temp °C	Last snow fall
ANDORRA							
Pas de la Casa	105	115	good	open	sunny	0	2/3
(Cold, dry snow on groomed pistes all levels)							
Soldeu	60	100	good	open	sunny	0	2/3
(Hard-packed snow on lower slopes; all lifts open)							
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbühel	50	140	good	patchy	overcast	4	7/3
(Soft snow on south-facing runs; entire ski area open)							
Mayrhofen	30	150	good	patchy	cloudy	4	7/3
(Softening by midday; up to 260cm of snow on glacier)							
Saalbach	80	170	variable	open	overcast	4	7/3
(Some slick patches on busy, lower runs; all lifts open)							
Solden	30	130	variable	worn	clear	3	7/3
(Still good conditions; best snow on north-facing runs)							
FRANCE							
Chamonix	25	320	good	open	sunny	0	3/3
(Extensive skiing available; 40 lifts and 57 pistes open)							
La Plagne	110	280	good	worn	sunny	-2	4/3
(Best above mid-station; cross-country available)							
Les Deux Alpes	30	220	variable	closed	bright	2	3/3
(Best on groomed upper slopes; thin cover on lower)							
Val Thorens	130	340	good	open	sunny	4	4/3
(Cime de Caron recommended; all 37 lifts open)							
Valmorel	20	160	good	open	bright	3	3/3
(Dry snow on firm base on all runs; 98% of area open)							
NORWAY							
Lillehammer	70	80	good	good	variable	-2	3/3
(All lifts and runs open; 300 kilometres of cross-country trails)							
SWITZERLAND							
Lenzerheide	50	90	good	icy patches	sunny	-2	3/3
(Upper slopes have dry snow on packed base; all 38 lifts open)							
Saas Fee	50	285	good	open	sunny	-2	4/3
(Best snow on glacier; icy patches on lower runs)							
Verbier	30	330	good	thin	bright	0	3/3
(Icy patches appearing on lower runs; all links open)							
Wengen	20	100	good	thin	sunny	0	3/3
(Conditions deteriorating; hard-packed at all levels)							

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BRAZIL OFFER PROMISE IN WORLD YOUTH CUP QUARTER-FINALS

Mexico await England's challenge

FROM ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT, IN MELBOURNE

THE enthralling world under-20 championship has done with the sparring; now, the knockout phase begins. Tomorrow and on Sunday, the quarter-finals become an absolute test of nerve, an examination not only of the talents but of the disciplines that already, at times, have appeared greater and oddly more villainous than at many a World Cup.

Tomorrow's first quarter-final in Brisbane pits Uruguay against Australia. The contest could hardly be more uneven. Uruguay, that relatively tiny South American country that endlessly produces so many exotic football talents, has yet again ridden a tightrope between brilliance and misbehaviour. The team manager cries wolf, claiming that Uruguay's resources are so weakened because of their physical condition and suspensions that they have almost no chance against the host nation. Nonsense: with Fabian O'Neil and Fernando Correa, the Uruguayans will test every nerve and sinew of the so-called "Socceroos".

In Sydney, also tomorrow, Russia engage Ghana. The latter has already bewitched us, producing pearls from Africa, players like Nii Lamptey and Emmanuel Duah, who sometimes forget that defence is also a duty but none the less attack as if football was merely a game.



Bart-Williams: familiar

The Russians are not like that: they have come out of the Russian winter to surprise everyone with their technique and staying power.

On Sunday, of course, England meet Mexico in Melbourne. The evening temperatures here represent the early autumn of Australia and are mild enough to do no harm whatever to England's running game while just offering a hint of encouragement for the Mexicans to produce their more explosive skills in the persons of Gabriel Garcia and Luis Salazar. If the Mexicans were unknown before the tournament began, familiar names abound in the England line-up — Bart-Williams, Pollock and, if fit, Myers and Barmby are all Premier League regulars.

Finally, in Adelaide, the potential *coup de grace*. Brazil, the favourites as ever, have talents to rise above the burden of expectation: Adriano, Wagner, Gian, Dida . . . all nicknames, all imagination. They will attempt to bemuse the United States, coached by Bobby Howe, a former West Ham player, whose luck is holding. In the final game in their group, the United States were comprehensively outplayed by South Korea, yet drew 2-2. With luck such as theirs, who knows whether the United States could even be a match for Brazil.

WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS: Group A: Cameroon 2, Australia 0; Colombia 1, Russia 3. Group B: Germany 1, Uruguay 2; Portugal 0, Ghana 2. Group C: England 1, Turkey 0; South Korea 2, United States 2. Group D: Mexico 2, Saudi Arabia 1; Norway 0, Brazil 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Group A							
Russia	3	2	0	1	6	4	4
Australia	3	2	0	1	5	4	4
Cameroon	3	1	0	2	4	5	2
Colombia	3	1	0	2	5	7	2
Group B							
Uruguay	3	2	1	0	5	3	5
Ghana	3	1	2	0	5	3	4
Germany	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
Portugal	3	0	0	3	1	5	0
Group C							
England	3	2	1	0	3	1	5
United States	3	1	1	1	6	3	3
South Korea	3	0	3	0	4	4	3
Turkey	3	0	1	1	1	8	1
Group D							
Brazil	3	2	1	0	4	1	5
Mexico	3	2	0	1	6	3	4
Saudi Arabia	3	0	2	1	1	2	2
Norway	3	0	1	2	0	5	1

FOOTBALL

Football League may expel Barnet

BARNET, the third division club, learned yesterday that it could be thrown out of the Football League unless it takes prompt action to streamline its administration.

The club already owes the League a £50,000 fine, imposed in November for financial irregularities. The fine was confirmed at an appeal in February, but has not been paid.

Yesterday, the League issued a statement saying it is "taking steps" to ensure payment and that it is unconvinced Barnet's affairs are now in order. If Barnet fails to satisfy the League, it could be summoned before a commission, which would have the power to expel the club.

Barnet has been a club in turmoil all season with its manager, Barry Fry, calling for Stan Flashman, the club chairman, to stand down. Fry was then sacked, only to be reinstated shortly afterwards.

Torquay United, of the third division, wants to suspend the relegation of clubs from the Football League for two years. The third division club has called on the League to hold an extraordinary general meeting within the next month to discuss the idea, which would prevent the bottom club in the third division dropping into the GM Vauxhall Conference in May.

Portsmouth are expected to complete the signing of John Taylor from **Bristol Rovers** today for around £300,000. The clubs have agreed the fee and the forward, 28, has only to confirm personal terms.

Tranmere Rovers are set to follow up yesterday's signing of the **Celtic** forward, Tommy Coyne, with a move for the **Middlesbrough** midfield player, Mark Proctor. Coyne, 30, a Republic of Ireland international, moved from Parkhead for a £400,000 fee. Proctor, 32, is expected to join him at Tranmere, initially on a month's loan.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (70873) **7.00 Breakfast News** (75224218)
9.05 Kilroy (s) (5397541) **9.45 Ross King.** Game show (s) (4683270)
10.00 News, regional news and weather (5132803) **10.05 Playdays.** For the very young (s) (7318473)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Magazine series (s) (56973560)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Judi Spiers presents some lunchtime *Comic Relief* with, among others, *Lenny Henry*, Bernard Cribbins and Right Said Fred (s) (6628744) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (29930183)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (40034)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (16849611) **1.50 Eldorado** *(r). (Ceefax) (s)* (35986541)
2.20 First Letter First (s) (79384305) **2.45 The Flying Doctors.** *Medical* drama series (2355096) **3.30 Cartoon Double Bill** (8042015)
3.45 Children's BBC: Comic Relief. A special afternoon of children's programmes from Hangar 17 (1622299)
5.00 Newsround (1651812) **5.05 Grange Hill.** Last in the children's drama series. (Ceefax) (s) (4509454) **5.30 Comic Relief.** The children's contribution concludes with celebrity gunging (981183)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (694657). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (947)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (299). Northern Ireland: Neighbours



Hosting a night of mirth: Lenny Henry (7.00pm)

7.00 Total Relief: A Night Of Comic Relief. (Ceefax) *See Choice*
Beginning with **Lenny Henry Lets Loose!** (541909) **7.10 Mr Bean on Blind Date.** Rowan *Atkinson* meets Cilla Black (451812) **7.30 Casualty — Comic Relief Special.** Treatment for celebrity patients (526725) **7.45 Smashy and Nicey!** With Harry Enfield and Paul Whitehouse (979928)
8.00 Lumley in Africa. Joanna Lumley reports from Eritrea (389541) **8.10 Game for a Game!** Jonathan Ross presents a game show with the ingredients of every game show (686831) **8.40 Mr Bean on Blind Date.** *How Rowan Atkinson fared* (294292)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) *Regional news and weather* (4909)
9.30 Deayton and Rhys-Jones. Angus and Griff take over the last part of the fund-raising action from Lenny Henry (314760) **9.40 The BBC Banned Audition Tapes.** A collection of unlikely auditions including Peter Sissons failing to finish what he started on *Mastermind* (787473)
10.00 Have I Got Sports News For You. Ian Hislop, Paul Merton and Angus Deayton are joined by Bill Beaumont (820812) **10.15 French and Saunders and Prince and Barry White.** Dawn and Jennifer *present a duet by the two "Love Gods"* (825367)
10.30 One Foot in the Grave. Victor Meldrew contemplates the world from his bath (23218)
11.00 Friday Night Live — Lives Again! Ben Elton presents a comic extravaganza (27183)
12.00 Comic Relief's Old, New, Borrowed and Blue! A nostalgic dip into the comic archives (23665)
1.00am Film: This is Spinal Tap (1984) See Choice (65400) **2.30 Weather** (2735495)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Maths — Differential Equations (4436522) **7.10** Probability and Statistics (3939560) **7.35** Maths: Inverse Functions (7045763)
8.00 Breakfast News (3500096)
8.15 Westminster. A round up of yesterday's business from both Houses (4753638)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes *including, for children,* **1.20 Fingermouse** (5740980) **1.35 Bunyip** (86851522)
2.00 News and weather followed by **Words and Pictures** (s) (23440893) **2.15 Jumpcuts.** A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes (r) (67758218)
2.20 Sport on Friday presented by Helen Rollason. Figure Skating: the world championships from Prague; Indoor Athletics: the opening session of the world championships from Toronto featuring the first rounds of the women's 80m and the men's 800m; Football: a review of last weekend's FA Cup sixth round ties. Includes **News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather at **3.00** and **3.50** (77215251)
5.30 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson road tests the new Aston Martin Vantage and completes his report on the Alaska Highway (r) (s) (676)
6.00 Stingray. Classic puppet series from the 1960s (r) (Ceefax) (271218)
6.25 The Man From UNCLE. Vintage spoof secret agent series starring Robert Vaughn and David McCallum (r). (Ceefax) (866693)
7.15 Dr Who. The final part of *The Caves of Androzani, first shown in 1984, starring Peter Davison and* Nicola Bryant. (Ceefax) (186096)
7.40 What the Papers Say. *Alastair Campbell of Today* reviews how the press has been treating the news (537831)
8.00 Public Eye: Crisis County. The BBC's education correspondent Mike Baker reports from Gloucestershire on how the county is coping with enforced expenditure cuts in public services (8980)
8.30 Gardeners' World. Geoff Hamilton talks about aromatic herbs and Costa Rican orchids while Stephen Lacey completes his study of colour in the garden. (Ceefax) (s) (7015)
9.00 Comic Relief . . . From the Nine O'Clock News. Thirty minutes of comedy continued from the *Comic Relief* evening on BBC1 (5251)



Daring: film director Zhang Yimou (9.30pm)

9.30 Arena: Zhang Yimou. See Choice (16560)
10.30 Newsnight with Sue Cameron (310763)
11.15 Weather (395744)
11.20 Heimat (colour and b/w). Episode eight of the masterly German drama tracing the lives of three families living in a small village from 1919 to the 1980s. In German with English subtitles (491283). Ends at **1.05am.** Wales: Wales in Westminster 11.50-1.35am Heimat

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CHOICE

Total Relief: A Night of Comic Relief
BBC1, 7.00pm-2.35am

Comic tomatoes are this year's red noses but otherwise the game's the same as Lenny Henry, Harry Enfield, Griff Rhys Jones and other funny people host a night of mirth designed to raise money for good causes. Purely as television the *Comic Relief* marathons have the clear beating of the BBC's other charity epic, *Children in Need*. This has nothing to do with the merits of the appeal, only that an assortment of comic turns is preferable to watching six hours of Terry Wogan on a sofa. Apart from comics doing their turns, the evening is based on *non-comics making fools of* themselves, from the cast of *Casualty* to Bill Beaumont and *Roy Hattersley. There are also reports on relief* projects in Somalia, Ethiopia and Uganda.

Citizen 2000: Swings and Roundabouts
Channel 4, 8.00pm

The series following the lives of 20 children born in 1982 to the end of the century returns with an update on the disabled Yorkshire girl Rachael Wild. She has cerebral palsy with a high level of spasticity and is unlikely ever to walk or talk. We meet her after major surgery on her hips and legs. Several previous operations have met with little success. This is a last resort. The strain has been getting to Rachael's father, Kevin, forcing him to take several weeks off work. We see, too, the effect on Rachael's mother, Denise, and sister, Sarah. The film is a sympathetic portrait of a caring family and of a desperately handicapped youngster battling to assert her own personality. But it can only be an interim report.

Arena: Zhang Yimou
BBC2, 9.30pm

The Chinese film director Zhang Yimou is suddenly the BBC flavour of the week. Only last Saturday he was featured *on Moving Pictures* and *now he gets the Arena* treatment. No doubt he is worth this coverage *but it does look like a case of one part of the BBC not* talking to another. The programme follows Zhang's career *from cameraman on Yellow Earth, to his own* directorial debut with *Red Sorghum* and up to his latest film, *The Story of Qiu Ju.* Along the way came the Tiananmen Square massacre and a cultural crack-down. Zhang was able to go on making films, only to see them banned by the authorities. Teng Jingxian, head of the Peking film bureau, explains that "all art must have a good social result".



Christopher Guest plays guitar (BBC1, 1.00am)

This Is Spinal Tap
BBC1, 1.00am

The *Total Relief* evening ends with Rob Reiner's wonderful spoof documentary about a British rock band touring the United States. The film is funny because it is so convincingly accurate. The five-man Spinal Tap, led by Christopher Guest, may be dreadful *but they are all too painfully close to the real thing.* And not only is the concert detail authentic, down to the *technical hitches and screaming fans, but so too are the* happenings off stage. The tour opens with a dispute about a sexist record sleeve and ends in personal disarray as members of the group fall out. Reiner himself plays the film-maker who is recording the tour and there are cameos by Billy Crystal, Patrick Macnee and Anjelica Huston. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV The guests include Ruby Wax (8916102)
9.25 Jeopardy! Steve Jones has the answers, the competitors have to provide the questions (3850367) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7392893)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . (1928218)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine (64011378)
12.10 Tots TV. Puppet series for children (6100725)
12.30 Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler. (Teletext) Weather (4232657) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (57437589)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama. (Teletext) (150544) **1.45 A Country Practice** Medical drama (s) (205873)
2.15 Life Goes On. American drama series (7951947)
3.10 ITN News headlines (3906386) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3905657) **3.20 Blockbusters.** General knowledge quiz (9140928)
3.50 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends (r) (2641657) **3.55 Zzzap!** Television comic (3190473) **4.15 Talespin** (r) (s) (9411367) **4.40 Just Us.** Episode four of the seven-part stepchildren drama. (Teletext) (s) (6804218)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (6602560)
5.40 Early Evening News *with John Suchet. (Teletext)* Weather (211473)
6.00 London Tonight The guests include Depeche Mode. (Teletext) (25164)
7.00 Celebrity Squares. *Joining Bob Monkhouse are* Geoffrey Durham, Carol Smillie, George Marshall, *Peter Price, Little and Large, Jonnie Casson,* Vicki Michelle, John Virgo and Thora Hird (s) (6386)
7.30 Coronation Street. *(Teletext)* (251)
8.00 The Bill: A Little Family Business. DCI Meadows investigates a raid on a warehouse that went terribly wrong. (Teletext) (5034)
8.30 Surgical Spirit Jolly medical comedy starring Nichola McAuliffe as Sheila Sabatini, the imperious surgeon. (Teletext) (4541)



General practice: David Rintoul (9.00pm)

9.00 Doctor Finlay. Dr Cameron contemplates retirement but there is tension at Arden House. Meanwhile, Dr Finlay, now working as a GP, discovers that health care for the poor has not improved. Starring Ian Bannen, David Rintoul and Annette Crosbie *(Teletext)* (1183)
10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville. (Teletext) *Weather (82198)* **10.30 London Tonight** *(Teletext)* and weather (161589)
10.40 Love and War. American comedy drama about love-hate relationship between a newspaper columnist and a wealthy divorcee (613251)
11.05 The London Programme. Trevor Phillips investigates the rise in exclusions from schools (507367)
11.35 TV Dating. Matchmaking for the unattached (303763) **12.05am The ITV Chart Show** (s) (5432868)
1.05 Whale On. James Whale presents music, interviews and a discussion on the fight against *crime* (8614145)
2.10 American Gladiators. Studio tests of strength and strategy (s) *(5208597)*
3.15 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (92752)
3.50 Austin City Limits. New country music (2131313)
4.50 Riviera. French drama serial (9986868)
5.30 ITN Morning News (29232). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

5.50 Sesame Street (r) (6343763)
6.45 Dennis Animated adventures of a *Just William*-type character (9434909)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (30657)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by *Bill Cosby (s)* (19015)
9.30 Schools (794183)
12.00 The Parliament Programme (99251)
12.30 Sesame Street Early learning series with guests *Whoopi Goldberg and James Galway* (25015)
1.30 Lift Off Young children's entertainment (s) (47386)
2.00 Film: Broken Journey (1948, b/w) starring Phyllis Calvert, David Tomlinson and Derek Bond. Fight-for-survival drama about the passengers and crew of a plane that has crash landed on an Alpine glacier. Directed by Ken Annakin (109638)
3.40 Spacebourne. Images of space as seen through the lenses of Nasa cameras (r) (8031909)
3.55 The Floating Worlds of Naivasha A *Survival Special* documentary, filmed by Lucinda Buxton, about the disparate vegetation and wildlife of one of Kenya's freshwater lakes (1770473)
4.30 Countdown (Teletext) (s) (164)
5.00 Roots Schmoots. A repeat of the first in a new *three-part series in which Howard Jacobs retraces* his Jewish roots. (Teletext) (3299)
6.00 Blossom. *Comedy series about a teenage girl living* in an otherwise all-male Los Angeles household (s) *(657)*
6.30 Happy Days American comedy (Teletext) (909)
7.00 Channel 4 News *with Jon Snow and Zeinab* Badawi. (Teletext) Weather (613454)
7.50 First Reaction. *Dominic Lawson, editor of The Spectator,* questions the claims that television violence is responsible for actual violence *(s)* (224980)



Severely disabled: Rachael Wild (8.00pm)

8.00 Citizen 2000. See Choice (3676)
8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (2183)
9.00 Gardens Without Borders Alan Mason visits the Jardin Exotique in Monaco which has an abundance of exotic and succulent plants as well as a thousand types of cacti. (Teletext) (s) (6837)
9.30 Cheers. Popular comedy series about the staff and regulars of a Boston bar. This week Sam works out a Machiavellian plan to buy back his Corvette from the widow of the man he reluctantly sold it to. But there *is a hitch in the shape of Woody. Starring Ted* Danson and Woody Harrelson. (Teletext) (s) (28251)
10.00 Roseanne *Wisecracking comedy series starring* Roseanne Arnold and John Goodman. (Teletext) (s) (90980)
10.30 Whose Line Is It Anyway? Improvised comedy series presented by Clive Anderson. The guests are Josie Lawrence, Ryan Stiles, Russell Fletcher and Greg Proops (s) (16928)
11.00 The Word. Music and style magazine. The guests include Ruby Wax and drag artist Elvira (s) (666164)
12.10am Film: Bitter Victory (1958, b/w) starring Richard Burton and Curt Jurgens. Eternal triangle drama, set *during the second world war, about an allied* officer's affair with a fellow officer's wife (Ruth Roman). *With Christopher Lee and Nigel Green.* Directed by Nicholas Ray (5422481)
1.40 It's Showtime at the Apollo. With singer Taylor Dayne and comedian Charles Cozart (3301110). Ends at **2.35**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (9140928) **5.10-5.40** The Munsters Today (6602560) **6.00** Home and Away (268744) **6.25-7.00** Angila News (959473) *10.45 Anglia Live* (108299) **11.45** Married...with Children (678589) **12.10-1.05** Night Heat (5514416) **2.05** Night Beat (5209226) **3.05** Entertainment UK (6195400) **4.00** Sportsworld (67690) **4.30-5.00** Riviera (56481)

BORDER
As London except: 1.45 Challenge (205873) **2.15-3.10** Donahue (7951947) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (9140928) **6.00** Lookaround (265) **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road (387) *10.40 The Union and the League* (636102) **11.10** Island Son (209218) *12.10-1.05 The War of the Worlds* (5514416) **2.05** Raw Power (5209226) **3.05** Entertainment UK (6195400) **4.00** Sportsworld (67690) **4.30** Riviera (56481) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (27481)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (150544) **1.45** Home and Away (205873) **2.15-3.10** Goliath Awaits (7951947) **3.20-3.50** GP (9140928) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Movies, Movies (6602560) **6.00** Home and Away (268744) *6.25-7.00 Central News* (959478) **10.40** Central Weekend (7272251) **12.10** Film: Too Many Suspects (222981) **2.00** Whale On (29110) **3.00** The Beat (13110) **4.00** Sprockets (67690) **4.30** Jobfinder (9541067) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2978685)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (150544) **1.45** Home and Away (205873) **2.15-3.10** Highway to Heaven (7951947) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (9140928) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Movies, Movies (6602560) **6.00** Home and Away (265) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (367) **10.40** Up Front (418366) **11.40-1.05** McCloud (190831) **2.05** Raw Power (5209226) **3.05** Entertainment UK (6195400) **4.00** Sportsworld

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45 Wish You Were Here..? (205873) **2.15-3.10** A Country Practice (7951947) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (9140928) **6.00** HTV News (265) **6.30-7.00** HTV Sportsweek (367) **10.40** Late and Live (7272251) *12.10-1.05 Night Heat* (5514416) **2.05** Raw Power (5209226) **3.05** Entertainment UK (6195400) **4.00** Sportsworld (67690) **4.30** Riviera (55481) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (27481)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Get Going **10.40** Out of Milk Wood 11.40-12.10 30

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.15-3.10 Grass Roots (150724) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (9140928) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (25164) **10.40** Film: Grandview USA (42904744) **12.30-1.05** Married...With Children (8937787) **2.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (2646961) **2.35** Raw Power (8133481) *3.35 Cue the Music* (2136868) *4.30 Country Ways* (56481) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (27481)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.45-3.10 Film: I Cover the Waterfront (2207034) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (9140928) **6.00** Tyne Tees Today (265) **6.30-7.00** *Friday Documentary* (367) **10.40** Head to Head (418366) **11.40-1.05** Film: Weekend of Terror (181183) **2.05** The Big E (5209226)

ULSTER
As London except: 6.00-7.00 UTV Live at Six (25164) **10.40** Kelly (7272251) **12.10-1.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H (5514416) **2.05** *Raw Power (5209226) 3.05 Entertainment*

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45 Blockbusters (205873) **2.15** Wish You Were Here..? (150724) **2.45-3.10** Gardener's Diary (9575305) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (9140928) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (25164) **10.40** Westwise (636102) **11.15-1.05** Film: The Return of Ben Casey (450251) **2.05** Raw Power (5209226) **3.05** Entertainment UK (6195400) **4.00** Sportsworld (67690) **4.30** Riviera (56481) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (27481)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.45-3.10 Film: I Cover the Waterfront (2207034) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (9140928) **5.55** Calendar (696387) **6.30-7.00** Seeing Stars (367) **10.40** Harry Enfield's Guide to the Opera (636102) **11.10** Married...With Children (506838) **11.40-1.05** Film: Weekend of Terror (181183) **2.05** The Big E (5209226) **3.05** Film: Marriage is a Private Affair (178110) **5.00-5.30** Challenge of the Seas

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (30657) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (19015) **9.30** Ysgolion (794183) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (99251) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (48015) **1.00** Lift Off (33744) **1.30** Close to Home (47386) **2.00** Film: My First Love (109638) *3.40 Masterworks* (8031909) **3.55** Birdscape (4654960) **4.25** Slot 23 (3651367) **5.00** Countdown (4164) **5.30** Brookside (744) **6.00** News (633034) **6.10** Hano (311788) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (4928) **7.30** Y Maes Chwarae (893) **8.00** Cefn Gwlad (3676) **8.30** News (749909) **8.55** San Steffan (455183) **9.15** Snapshots (425096) **9.30** Roseanne (18928) *10.30 Whose Line Is It Anyway?* (668812) **11.05** The Word (209928) **12.10am-1.40** Film: Bitter Victory (9582313)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat Show (36767928) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-A-Long (6217034) **9.10** Cartoons (2627251) *8.30 Pyramid Game* (93589) **10.00** Strike It Rich (52305) **10.30** *The Bold And The Beautiful* (55831) **11.00** Hart to Hart (88218) **12.00** Falcon Crest (76812) **1.00pm** E Street (82034) **1.30** Another World (4445831) **2.15** Santa Barbara (611928) **2.45** Maude (610299) **3.15** Different Strokes (600312) **3.45** DJ Kat Show (5876657) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (2589) *6.00 Games World* (2831) **6.30** E Street (3183) **7.00** Rescue (3218) **7.30** Family Ties (9367) **8.00** V (28299) **9.00** World Wrestling Federation (31763) **10.00** Code 3 (47812) **10.30** Star Trek: The Next Generation (63270) **11.30** Studs (58589)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (50096) *6.30 News and* Business Report (36367) **9.30** Nightline *(84831) (50947)* **10.30** 48 Hours (53473) **11.30** Business Report (85096) (44725) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (95947) **1.30** Good Morning America (94218) **2.30** Parliament (9744) **3.30** The Lords (1589) **4.30** News and Business Report (9980) **5.00** Live at Five (3831) **6.30** News *and Business Report* (1725) **7.00** Sky World News Tonight (4560) **7.30** 48 Hours (7909) **10.30** ABC Nightline (54102) **11.30** ABC News (49831) **12.00** Sky World News Tonight (65787) **12.30am** 48 Hours (38416) **1.30** ABC News (46145) **2.00** Sky Newswatch (25684) **2.30** Getaway (17519) **3.30** ABC News (28771) **4.30** Financial Times Reports (78503) **5.30** ABC News (67418)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (2058034)
10.00 Mister Johnson (1991) Story of a black clerk in 1923 Africa (68893)
12.00 Tall Gunner Joe (1977). The rise and *fall of Senator Joseph McCarthy* (867638)
2.30pm Silver Lode (1954). A man is accused of murder (43218)
4.00 Some Kind of a Nut (1969): Screwball comedy with Dick Van Dyke (7893)
6.00 Mister Johnson (as **10.00am**) (12638)
8.00 Triumph of the Heart (1991). A man *befriends a disabled boy* (76277855)
9.40 US Top Ten (860305)
10.00 Maniac Cop 2 (1990): The psycho law enforcer returns (67386)
11.30 Death Warrant (1990) Jean-Claude Van Damme as a maverick detective *(72229)*
1.00am Masters of Menace (1990): Spoof *of 1960s biker movies* (854605)
2.35 Kill Me Again *(1990). Thriller with Val* Kilmer and Joanne Whalley-Kilmer (294435)
4.10 Lean on Me (1989): True story about an inner-city teacher (368665). Ends at **5.55**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Klondike Fever (1979): Rod Steiger as author Jack London (64788)
8.00 Waterhole Three (1967): Three soldiers pull off a heist (77288265)
9.45 Lookin' to Get Out (1982). Hustlers *head for Las Vegas* (608305) Ends at **11.30**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am You Can't Take It With You (1938): *Frank Capra comedy (21113454)*
8.10 The Frog Prince (1987): The Grimm fairytale (97262201)
10.00 Easy Come, Easy Go (1947). Elvis Presley plays a frogman and singer (99763)
12.00 The Idol (1966): A woman falls for her son's friend (25251)
2.00pm High Noon *(1952): Classic Gary* Cooper western (23744)
4.00 The Frog Prince (as **8.10am**) (8763)
6.00 A Shock to the System (1990): Black comedy about an murderous adman (79180)
8.00 Pump Up the Volume (1990): Christian Slater as a school DJ (15725)
***10.00 Friday the 13th Part 5: A New* Beginning** (1985): Horror story set in a holiday camp (642270)
11.35 Father, Son and the Mistress (1992): Jack Lemmon as a millionaire who gives up his fortune (799947)
1.15am Cold Feet (1989): Antics of a trio of crooks *(946690)*
2.50 Another Time, Another Place (1958): Wartime romance with Lana Turner (821023) Ends at **4.30**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Stretch (76367) **7.00** NHRA Drag Racing (23305) **7.30** Netbusters (79152) **8.00** High Five (33218) **8.30** Snowboarding (32589) *9.00 Stretch (16541) 9.30 The Boot* Room (99541) **10.30** Fishing the West *(12725)* **11.00** *Netbusters (28725)* **11.30** Morning Stretch (29454) **12.00** European League Round-Up (66034) **1.00pm** German League Football (73812) **3.00** Asian Snooker (75541) **5.00** Boot Room (4589) **6.00** Sky Soccer (83218) **7.00** Big League (513270) **9.30** Netbusters (67763) **10.00** US Women's Golf (52270) **11.00** Sky Soccer (29675) **12.00** Fishing the West (94495) **12.30-3.00am** Big League (770674)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (97980) **8.00** Equestrian Show-Jumping World Cup (67819) **9.00** Ford Ski Report *(48760)* *10.00 Trans World* Sport (93164) **11.00** Live Motor Racing Formula One Grand Prix (11392B) **12.00** *Basketball — European Nations Championship* (63096) **1.30pm** Live Figure Skating World Championships (802676) **4.00** International Motorsport (37473) **5.00** Motor Racing — Formula 1 Grand Prix Practice (9657) **6.00** Eurosport News (590015) **6.05** Live Figure Skating World Championships *(67828763) 8.30 American Basketball (8541)* **9.00** American Ice Hockey (44251) **10.00-1.30am** Live Athletics (5364589)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (52256183) **6.15** Button Moon (52251638) **6.30** Dungeons and Dragons (8065744) **7.00** Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (2485541) **7.30** Neighbours (2404676) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1011386) **8.30** EastEnders (1010657) **9.00** The Bill (1001909) **8.30** The Brothers (6006541) **10.30** Tenko (3424909) **11.30** Don't Wait Up (9852693) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1014473) **12.30pm** Neighbours (6223299) **1.00** EastEnders (2484812) **1.30** The Bill (6215270) **2.00** Never the Twain (2942299) **2.30** The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin (5638473) **3.00** *Dallas* (1557229) **4.00** *Dynasty (2002314)* *5.00 Candid Camera* (2926251) **5.30** Give us a Clue (5649589) **6.00** Neighbours (5639102) **6.30** The Brothers (1906251) **7.30** Never The Twain (5626638) **8.00** EastEnders (2955763) **8.30** The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin (2934270) **9.00** Tenko (2703831) **10.00** The *Bill (1015102)* *10.30 Alas Smith and Jones* (1091522) **11.00** Dick Emery (1652873) **11.30** Film: Cat People (1942, b/w) with Simone Simon (3480675) **12.45am** Video Bites (55328394)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Stories Without Words (58676) **6.30** Cartoon Capers (9899638) **7.15** Kissy Fur (332454) **8.45** Jack in the Box (191454) **10.45** Stories Without Words (201562) **11.15** Cartoon Capers (9976589) **12.00** Boy Dominic (78305) **12.00** The Boy Merlin *(78305)* *12.30 CDQ (96299)* *1.00 Jack in the* Box (47096) **3.00** Kissy Fur (70102) **4.00** *Spiff and Hercules (4096)* **4.30** The Legend of White Fang (3980) **5.00** TVFM (5096) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (7560) **6.00** Fame (33578)

RADIO 3

6.35 Open University: *Women's* Studies — Religious *Rebellions* **6.55** *Weather*
7.00 On Air with Piers Burton-Page. *Including* J. Strauss, son (Waltz: Voices of Spring); Richard Strauss (Symphonic Fantasy: Die Frau ohne Schatten); Arensky (Fantasy on Russian Folk Themes); Bach (Fugues in F sharp minor and E, "48" Book II); Gould (So you want to write a fugue)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Beethoven (String Quartet in F, *Op 135; Opferlied;* Grosse Fuge, Op 133)
10.00 Morning Sequence: Alonso Lobo (Versa est in luctum); Debussy (Danse sacrée et danse profane); Ravel (Menuet antique); Poulenc (A sa guitare); Ravel (Rêves; Sainte); Marin Marais (Sonate à la Marésienne); Holst (Two Eastern Pictures); Panufnik *(Autumn Music)*; Britten (Death of St Narcissus); Liszt (Après *une lecture du Dante*); Respighi (Ancient Airs and Dances, Suite No 1)
12.00 Ravel's Songs (r)
1.00 News
1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert: Leslie Howard, piano, opens the 1993 season with Beethoven (Eroica Variations, Op 35); Donizetti, transcr Liszt (Spirto gentil, La Favorite); Gounod, transcr Liszt (Symphonic intermezzo; Uber allen Zauber Liebe)
2.00 Youth Orchestras of the World: in Vienna. Glinka (Overture, Ruslan and Ludmilla); Shostakovich (Symphony No 1: Vienna Conservatory Symphony Orchestra); Wolfram Wagner (Hiob: Vienna College of Music Chamber Choir, Youth Orchestra of Vienna)
3.40 Dialogues and Motets: First *of two programmes. The* music of Benedictus a Sancto *Josepho, a Carmelite friar* living in Boxmeer in the Netherlands. *Salve Regina; O vita mea O quam suave;* *Litaniae Lauretanae (r)*
4.30 Tutankhamun's Legacy: Lise *Manniche reports on the* preservation and use of *ancient Egyptian instruments* by musicians in northern Africa *and the Middle East*
5.00 In Tune: Comic Relief edition with David Owen Norris
7.30 Towards the Millennium: Kreutzer Quartet performs Bartók (String Quartet No 3); Janáček (String Quartet No 1, Kreutzer Sonata); Berg (Lyric Suite). Including at **8.10 Corbusier: a New Architecture.** *See Choice*
9.10 The Waste Land: T.S. Eliot's poem is read by *Charles* Tomlinson
9.30 Bliss: Introduction and Allegro. Metamorphic Variations (BBC Welsh SO under Barry Wordsworth) *(r)*
10.25 Henry Purcell's Fantasias: Second of three programmes in which the complete repertoire for consort is performed by Fretwork (r)
10.45 The Waste Land Revisited: Critics were shocked and even *angered by Eliot's poem when* it was first published. Roy Porter discusses the work with John Carey, Christopher Ricks, Kate Flint and Andrew Motion (r)
11.30 Midnight Oil: Chris Burn's Ensemble reveal their approach to group *improvisation in a programme* of six pieces
***12.30-12.35am* News**
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as R5 at 1.05pm)
2.30-3.10 Night School Extra

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the *Day* **8.40** *Yesterday in* Parliament **8.58** Weather
***9.00* News**
9.05 Desert Island Discs: The castaway this week is the Labour MP, Ken Livingstone (r)
9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley
10.00-10.30 News; Murder Most Foul (FM only): Another murder case featuring the pathologist Dr Keith Simpson (2/6)
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Prophet *(LW only) (5/7)*
10.30 Woman's Hour: Ectopic pregnancy is on the increase. Cheryl Armitage reports. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 The Natural History Programme: Jessica Holm presents a feature from Indonesia on the white-winged wood duck
12.00 You and Yours, with *Tasneem Siddiqi*
12.25pm The Food Programme, *with Derek Cooper* **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 Classic Serial: Persuasion, by Jane Austen. Juliet Stevenson and Tim Brierley star in the final part of the love story. Anne Elliot hopes that Captain Wentworth may once again show his *affection* towards her
3.00 Special Assignment
3.30 Bookshelf: *Authors Robin* Chapman and Jay Parini, who have both written biographies, talk about their fictional treatment of the last days of Christopher Marlowe and of Leo Tolstoy. Plus the pick of the spring paperbacks
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope: *Tim Marlow* visits the sixties exhibition at *the Barbican Centre, and there* is a performance from blues artist John Mayall
4.45 Telling Stories: Ice Dancing, by Rose Tremain. Read by Harry Towb (2/7)
5.00 PM, with Wendy Austin and Hugh Sykes **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places, presented by Janet Trewin
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, with Chris Serle
8.05 Any Questions? Among Jonathan Dimbleby's guests in Wymondham, Norfolk, are Baroness Blackstone, master of Birkbeck College, London; Graham Mather, president of the European Policy Forum; and Bill Morris, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union
8.50 Law in Action, with Marcel Berlins
9.15 Kaleidoscope: A History of Jazz in Six Pianists. A journey through 70 years of piano music (r)
9.45 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: *Different* Voices Same Tune: Never Marry a Mexican. *Read by Rita* Moreno (3/3)
11.00 Week Ending: Satirical version the week's news
11.25 The Financial Week, with Peter Day
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Le Corbusier: a New Architecture. *Radio 3, 8.10pm*

Loud and clear in this evaluation of Le Corbusier's revolutionary theories, the message comes over that engineering techniques can enhance, not nullify, artistic freedom. But the medium that has been chosen for transmitting the message is not well designed. Visiting three of the Paris buildings that Le Corbusier created — two houses and the folly cum temple Villa Savoye — the art history professor Timothy Benton and the architect Neave Brown keep telling each other things about Le Corbusier that they already know. The listener has to adopt the uncomfortable role of eavesdropper.

Radio 2 Arts Programme. *Radio 2, 10.00pm*

The arts magazine goes from strength to strength, though it has always been informative and entertaining, wide-ranging and sometimes controversial. It gets the presenters (tonight, Seamus McKee) and the slot (two hours) it deserves. This edition includes Melvyn Bragg on James Joyce; the first broadcast of Mark Dougherty's *The Homecoming Suite* and interviews with the singer Maura O'Connell and actress Bronagh Gallagher. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Bruno Brookes **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright **6.00** Lynn Parsons' Mega Hits **6.30** News 93 **7.00** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **9.00** Friday Rock Show **11.00** John Peel **2.00am** Lynn Parsons *4.00 Neale James*

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** *Pause for Thought* **7.00** *Wake Up to Wogan* **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jameson at the Opera **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** William Davis **9.00** Listen to the Band **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme: See Choice **12.05am** Jazz Parade **12.35** Charles Nove **4.00** Bill Rennells

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm. 6.00am** World Service World News **6.09** News About Britain **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.30** Johnnie Walker *11.30 BFBS Worldwide* **12.30pm** They Think It's All Over **1.05** For Schools Topic Resources 9-11, **1.20** Playtime, **1.35** The Music *Box;* **1.50** *Something to Think About,* **2.05** *Music Workshop* **2.30** A Game of Two Halves **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** Wicked Words **7.15** The Ghost of Thomas Kempe **7.30** Popcall **8.30** Euromix **9.30** Ruby II **10.10** Rave **12.00-12.10am** News: Sport **4.25** Test Match Special

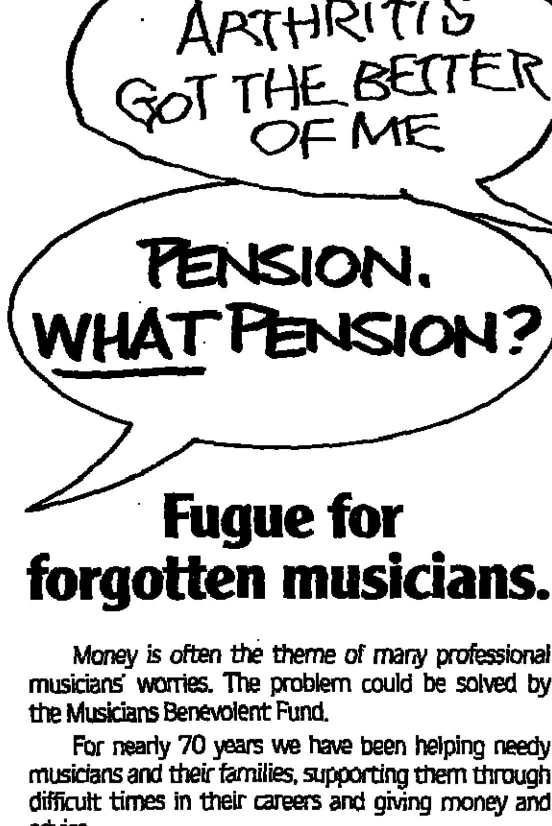
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Motley crew: Fletcher yesterday agreed that the variety of T-shirts, tracksuits, cricket gear and shorts worn by England at the awards presentation following the final Test against India in Bombay was unfortunate

England seek haven from dressing down



Peter Ball reports from Colombo on the many distractions facing England in the build-up to the Test match *against Sri Lanka tomorrow*

ENGLAND'S troubled cricketers, under fire for their designer stubble and sartorial inelegance, headed for the one place where their Tetley T-shirts and swimming trunks would pass unremarked yesterday — the beach.

The few who stayed behind played squash or remained by the hotel pool. Only Michael Atherton, who had not played in the humiliating one-day defeat by Sri Lanka on Wednesday, was to be found in the regulation cricket whites demanded by the Test and County Cricket Board at their spring meeting. He was headed for a lonely net against local bowlers.

When Keith Fletcher, the manager, returned from the beach he made clear he would not impose new standards of dress on his team, however eager he was to improve their playing standards.

"If you are in hot countries you don't shave in the morning before playing," Fletcher said. "I never shaved as a player in the morning before playing, because you get a sweat rash and it is totally uncomfortable.

"How can I go to Goochie and say you've got to shave this morning? If people want to have designer stubble it's entirely up to them. Just as long as when they have to be dressed properly, they are."

Fletcher and Bob Bennett, the tour manager, accept that the variety of tracksuits, T-shirts, cricket gear and shorts visible at the post-game awards presentation in Bombay was unfortunate. "We'd just lost the series 3-0 and getting them out for the presentation was the hardest job," Fletcher said.

On that occasion, the usual code broke down, but part of the problem is out of the players' control. The TCCB's sponsorship agreement with Tetley requires the players to wear a range of clothing advertising the brewery when on parade. "We have to wear Tetley gear at grounds," Bennett said. "When we travel on aircraft we have to wear Tetley tracksuits.

"We're in the second year now, and in the first year of the contract there were far less garments than there have been this year. I think the TCCB marketing department and the sponsor have to look at this."

That would be a welcome step, but in the end the more important thing to discuss yesterday was England's abysmal performance on Wednesday night, as Fletcher said. "I'm not going to make them shave," he said, "the important thing is how they play on the field."

People who believe there is a correlation between looking smart and playing well may reflect that Gooch was the same scruffy individual when he scored his 333 against India at the Oval and his brilliant match-winning century against West Indies at Headingley as he was in defeat in Calcutta.

Gooch at least avoided the opprobrium for Wednesday's performance, which by general consent was the worst on an already poor tour and had even Fletcher refusing to defend his players. There is little doubt that the manager's patience is fast running out.

"You can only take so much of the way we played on this tour, and yesterday was our worst performance," Fletcher said. "A few of our players have got to start looking at their own performances."

Fletcher refused to be specific on individuals, but he was barbed in his comments about a lack of thought about the game and about the fielding generally.

"Whenever players go on to the field they should be thinking cricket from the moment they go on until they come off, and we haven't been brilliant on that," he said. "Some people think cricket, others don't. But on some occasions right through the tour they haven't thought cricket."

As Essex have based a lot of their success on consistently applied intelligence, that is frustrating for Fletcher, but he was equally distressed by the fielding. "We've been outfielded by India, and we were comfortably outfielded by Sri Lanka; they were far quicker to the ball," he said.

The shoulder injuries to Smith among others has not helped the fielding, but the hint that Fletcher will be looking for greater mobility in the summer will not reassure several players.

Gatting, whose form has deteriorated by the match since his fine innings in the first Test, DeFreitas and Malcolm have little to commend them in their fielding to compensate for poor performances with bat or ball. But they may not be the only ones who urgently need to do something spectacular in this Test match.

"There have been a few people who have matured and developed into Test players on this tour," Fletcher said. "But there are others who have got a lot to prove in this Test. You cannot disappoint forever."

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Ballesteros: in pain

Ballesteros forced out by back injury

FROM MEL WEBB IN SANTA PONSA MAJORCA

THE appearance of Severiano Ballesteros in the US Masters in four weeks' time was put in doubt yesterday when a long-standing back injury forced him to withdraw after the first round of the Balearic Open.

Ballesteros will be 36 on April 9 — the second day of the Masters — and has suffered from chronic back problems for most of his career. It was an important factor in his decline last season, when he finished 28th in the European money list.

He exercised his back every day during the winter but, after complaining of pain before this tournament started, was stricken again on the fairway of the 1st hole, his tenth. He played the last nine holes in 43, which included two double bogeys, and finished with a 79.

"It is not a matter of playing well or playing badly," he said. "I'm trying to hit the ball but I just can't do it. I can even feel pain when I'm putting.

"The Masters is still a long way away but if I felt like I did on the back nine today, there would be no point in going. I don't think I'm finished but I am worried because I want to play."

Ballesteros withdrew from the US PGA championship last August because of poor form.

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Joachim takes chance as England march on



Rob Hughes, football correspondent, watches England beat Turkey 1-0 in Melbourne to qualify for the last eight of the world under-20 championships

THE apprentices of England are proving incorrigible masters of adversity. They are growing into the world under-20 championship like boy soldiers outlasting each and every opponent, though it takes to the last possible turning point the drama of all the games they play in Melbourne.

Once again, they survived a last-minute penalty to win against Turkey by the only goal of the game yesterday, but in their spirit, their massive resolve to play for one another, England earned this stroke of fortune and go into the final eight of the tournament — which began among 166 nations — on merit. They now meet Mexico on Sunday, a clash of contrasts between English stoicism and Latin unpredictability.

The adversity for the English team has been often repeated: the fact that our clubs cling even to the youngest players rather than put them forward for the nation. Yesterday, that was worsened by the absence, through injury, of Andy Myers and Nick Barmby, undoubtedly two of the first names on anyone's sheet detailing the young talents of the Premier League.

Barmby seems to have a moving complaint. We are now told his problem is shin splints, the ache in the lower limbs that afflicts the young when they are over-run. However, since we saw him breakdown in training, very clearly with a knee injury, on Tuesday, and since there are insinuations from within the camp that he does not relish the tactical formation of the England coach, David Burnside, we may conclude that nobody is very sure about anatomy concerning this great White Hart Lane hope.

A pity, for he is such a galvanic player when on song. No matter, one young man's loss is another's opportunity. Julian Joachim, of Leicester City, came in prepared to be the one-man attack, running here and there like a lizard darting between the rocks of the red-shirted Turkish defenders. His hunger and athleticism were a new catalyst, though I swear that Chris Bart-Williams and Alan Thompson gave him far closer support than they had Barmby in the previous matches.

In any event, the winning goal came from the same predictable route as those in other matches. England have played three times and scored three goals. All of them involved the height and power of Ian Pearce, of Chelsea, and the confusion he can cause in a crowded penalty area.

Like the winning goal against the United States on Tuesday, yesterday's was the direct result of the new art of English soccer, the long throw-in. It was propelled forward by Steve Watson, Pearce missed the header, but at his back and poaching when the ball fell to earth was, inevitably, Joachim.

That signalled an uproar in the crowd. Melbourne is a city heavy with Turkish immigrants and for a while their supporters gesticulated angrily with the English, who somehow have grown to 2,000-strong, and who somehow managed to convey even to this far corner of the globe the unwanted suggestion of easily triggered misbehaviour.

The match became grimly competitive until the 89th minute. It was then that England's substitute, Marvin Harriott, was harshly adjudged to have taken the legs of Mustafa Kocabey. A penalty in the eyes of the Uruguayan referee and, in the uproar, Turkey's captain, Lihami Arslan, managed to scoop the penalty kick over the bar, as if chipped with a golf iron out of a sand trap.

But England had made their luck, ground it out by being organised and so determined. In other parts of Australia, even the likes of Germany were losing their discipline and falling.

Burnside made a cryptic observation that Joachim "had done what everyone said was impossible to do, playing in that forward role". The coach spoke in praise of his players' excellence, but there was truth too from Turkey's coach, Hamdi Serpil Tuzun.

"It was a poor quality match," he said. "I expected a fight of our technique and brain against the power and strength of England. The brain was not there and our first defeat [6-0 against the United States] was like an accident, like an aeroplane coming down. We never recovered from it."

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JOE MANN



The Thinker: a baleful Barmby looks on from the bench

Johnson is best seller

BEN Johnson may not be running in the world indoor championships in Toronto, but the organisers still have reason for thanking the city's most notorious son for providing an unexpected boost to the event. Since the news of Johnson's second drugs scandal shocked Toronto last week, ticket sales have rocketed.

At the beginning of last week, only 40,000 out of 165,000 tickets for the three days of competition had been sold and the organisers faced the stark possibility that the giant 55,000-capacity SkyDome would seem almost empty; the break-even figure of 100,000 would be impossible to attain.

But then the Johnson affair broke. In just over a week, another 25,000 tickets have been snapped up, with another 10,000 expected to be sold today on the eve of the championships. Athletics, and Johnson in particular, is suddenly on everybody's lips.

Usually, there is nothing but apathy to athletics in a city that thrills to the exploits of its World Series baseball champions, the Blue Jays.

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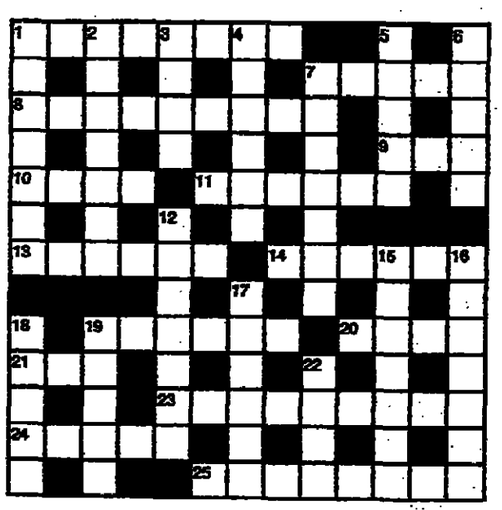
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9 Total (3)
10 Modern hautboy (4)
11 Dirty (6)
13 Land cultivator (6)
14 Make a mistake (4,2)
19 Choke (6)
20 Medical patient (4)
21 Female fowl (3)
23 Ill-defined proposal (5,4)
24 Strong rush (5)
25 Put in (8)

DOWN
1 Wipes clean (4,3)
2 Frankness (7)
3 Peter Pan pirate captain (4)
4 Not certain (6)
5 Romany (5)
6 Stint (5)
7 Bumpy (7)
12 Have faith (7)
15 Round of applause (7)
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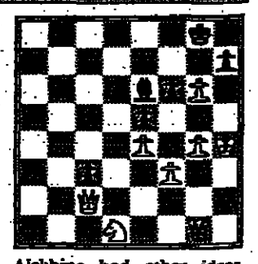
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By Raymond Keene

Later this year Britain's Nigel Short will compete with Gary Kasparov for the world chess title. Kasparov's aggressive style of play has often been compared with that of the great Alexander Alekhine, whose games he studied as a boy. This position is from the game Znosko-Borovsky — Alekhine, St Petersburg 1913. White has just captured on g6, expecting the automatic recapture 1 ... hxg6. However,



Alekhine had other ideas. Can you see what he played?

Solution on page 44

ANTING
a. To rub on ants
b. Opposing a motion
c. A Finnish diacritical

TOATOA
a. A Hawaiian robe
b. The celery pine
c. Breadfruit porridge

KISAENG
a. A Korean geisha
b. Respect for the elderly
c. Green tea

RATISSAGE
a. A palisade with spikes
b. French bankers' ramp
c. Portage of canoes

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